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RE: Design Statement Medical Ambulatory Care Unit | Wollongong Hospital

The new Medical Ambulatory Care Unit (MAC) at Wollongong Hospital will be located on level 8 of Block C, which faces Crown Street Wollongong with a southerly aspect. MAC is an internal fit out of an existing space which is currently occupied by office space for The University of Wollongong. Staff from the University of Wollongong will be relocated to another location to make-way for the MAC.

Patients who use the MAC could spend 3+ hours a week within the space which meant the layout needed to face the views towards southern Illawarra, this design decision offered the best patient experience on this floor level. Patients can have their treatment, enjoy the southerly aspect, and the staff spaces are also oriented towards the southern windows which maximises the constant southern light to the MAC.

Back of house and ancillary service spaces for the MAC are in the middle of the existing floor plate where views aren't needed. These utility zones and male + female amenities didn't need district views. The position of the staff station in the middle of the MAC offers good oversight across the clinical zone and entry door into the unit.

The design team meet with client representatives weekly, from Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, Health Infrastructure and MAC staff members over a period of 3 months which commenced on Tuesday 12th of March and concluded on Thursday 30th May 2024. Concept designs were presented and reviewed with the design team and client team. The design was modified and represented until the final concept was approved. Attendees at the design meetings included:

- Liam Mcbarron | Project manager | Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD
- Albert Vasquex | Clinical Lead | Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD
- Leonard Gervay | Capital Works | Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD
- Brett Sherson | Architect | Sherson Architecture
- Thomas Dobinson | Architectural Graduate | Sherson Architecture



Patient space internal render.