



TASMANIA'S HEALTH PLAN ACTION Issue 21 January 2010

Building for the Future in 2010



Tasmania's Health Plan outlines a Departmental Infrastructure Investment Strategy to underpin implementation. It commits to infrastructure planning that reflects the flexibility of services and is informed by population changes and projections, migration patterns and quality and safety parameters.

It stated that facility design will be based on the need for integration of services, taking advantage of the benefits that result from bringing primary health service providers within the same precinct.

The focus of this year's first Tasmania's Health Plan ACTION newsletter is the infrastructure improvements currently being undertaken around the state. [THP](#)



Triabunna Ambulance Station

Work on the new Tasmanian Ambulance Station and extension to the Triabunna Community Health Centre (CHC) began in November 2009 and is

progressing as scheduled. Two paramedics are based there, working with volunteer ambulance officers.



The project is expected to be completed mid-2010.



The extension to the health centre (pictured) will provide an increase in much needed storage space as well as a larger meeting room. [THP](#)

\$1.5 million Community Health Centre redevelopment

The Central Highlands CHC continues to move ahead. Tenders have been invited for contractors to undertake a redevelopment of the CHC to accommodate a range of visiting health services. The tenders close on 13 January and work is expected to start in February.

Also closing in January, tenders have been invited for additions, alterations and refurbishment of the Westbury CHC.

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Royal Hobart Hospital Equipment



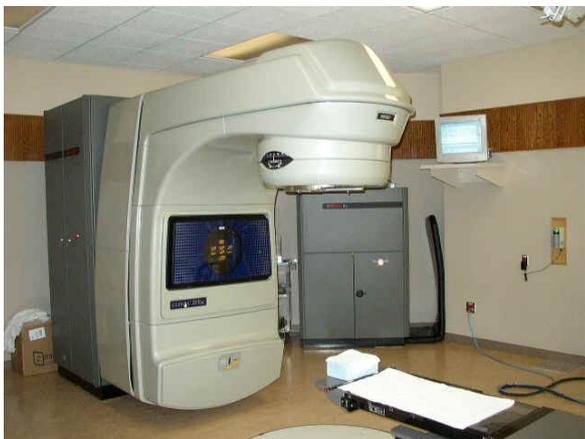
PET (Positron Emission Tomography)/CT Scanning is a combined imaging technology to detect and diagnose cancer, heart disease or neurological diseases.

Tenders have been invited for the supply, ongoing support and maintenance of PET/CT equipment, including all necessary components, in the Medical Imaging Department of the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH).

PET/CT is the most advanced medical imaging technique available today.

The installation of a public PET scanner at the RHH will cost in total more than \$7 million. The Australian Government has committed to the cost of the machine and associated equipment. Tasmania will fund the associated works to house the scanner from the \$100 million RHH Redevelopment Fund.

Launceston General Hospital LINAC



A linear accelerator (LINAC) is the device most commonly used for external beam radiation treatments for patients with cancer.

Tenders have been invited for the supply and installation of a dual energy linear accelerator and accessories for the Holman Clinic at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH).

This follows on from the first major contract for the redevelopment, awarded to Tasmanian construction company Hazell Bros., for the construction of a \$3.8 million bunker to house the LINAC.

The purchase and installation of a third linear accelerator for the LGH is expected to cost more than \$7 million – funded jointly by the Tasmanian and Australian governments.

North West Regional Hospital



Tenders have also been invited for the redevelopment of theatre number four, expansion of theatre support areas, refurbishment of recovery and day surgery and development of an acute oral health unit within the North West Regional Hospital (NWRH).

Tenders close on 13 January. The NWRH theatre and day surgery project is expected to cost more than \$1.5 million. [THP](#)

And there's more ...

Tenders are open for the redevelopment of the LGH Hospital - Acute Medical Unit, Day Procedures Unit and Department of Emergency Medicine. Tenders have closed for the provision of civil construction and excavation services for the Stage 1 Early Works package for the Clarence Integrated Care Centre and GP Superclinic.

Other projects in progress include the redevelopment of health facilities on King and Flinders Islands and the construction of a new CHC at Longford. [THP](#)

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