

### Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR)

The Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) program is the single largest investment in regional NSW Ambulance's 126-year history, with 23 new or upgraded ambulance stations already delivered in rural and regional NSW and another 31 underway in 2021-22 as part of the \$232 million program.

## A new Ettalong Ambulance Station

**A new ambulance station will be built for the peninsula communities under the NSW Government's \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) program. The new purpose-built ambulance station will be located on the grounds of the Woy Woy Hospital and is a relocation of the current Ettalong Station.**

#### Station features

Once completed the Ettalong Ambulance Station will feature:

- internal parking for up to 10 emergency ambulance vehicles
- external wash bay
- administration and office areas
- training and meeting room
- logistics and storage
- on-site staff parking

#### The site

NSW Ambulance and Health Infrastructure worked to identify the new location using best practice demand modelling software which maps Triple Zero calls. The new purpose-built facility will be located on the Woy Woy Hospital which provides the optimal location to service the peninsula community.

#### Next steps

- Planning approval
- Design finalisation
- Tender award
- Construction
- Operational commissioning and internal fitout
- The new station 'goes live'.



Health Infrastructure on behalf of NSW Ambulance, thank you for your interest in the new ambulance station.

For more information of if you have any questions, please contact us

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## How is the location of a station decided?

NSW Ambulance works to ensure new stations are best located to support the effective delivery of timely paramedic care to patients across the area. The location of new stations is supported by international best practice demand modelling software which maps Triple Zero (000) demand in the area. Software can then test potential locations of a new ambulance station and determine where a station should be located in order to provide the optimal response to local patients.

## Is the station going to be noisy?

Acoustic consultants are engaged as part of planning for all new stations to undertake background noise monitoring onsite to assess current neighbourhood noise levels. This monitoring is assessed against standard noise levels considered for activities such as opening and closing of roller doors, water pressure washers and vehicle movements. These noise levels generally don't exceed the established noise levels of the local neighbourhood, however if noise is excessive, mitigation measures would be put in place.

## Do ambulance vehicles always operate their lights and sirens?

NSW Ambulance maintains a good neighbour practice to ensure that warning devices are used appropriately and only when warranted. As NSW Ambulance stations are located in residential areas, it is important that anyone driving a NSW Ambulance vehicle be mindful of the neighbourhood within which they operate when proceeding on urgent duty.

## How is building design and landscape decided?

All new ambulance stations delivered under the RAIR program are built to meet the requirements of highly skilled paramedics across the state and designed to ensure they are recognisable as key ambulance infrastructure. Each project undergoes rigorous planning by design consultants

to ensure it is built in the best location to meet future demand, includes the required facilities, and is designed with input from local paramedics to ensure it best supports their operational needs. A landscape plan identifies trees and landscaping to be retained or established, both of which assist with aesthetics of the building, streetscape and any acoustic impacts of the station. The identified placement of the building on the allotment is fundamental to the effective operations of the station and the high quality mobile emergency care that will be provided by NSW Ambulance paramedics operating from their new base.

## Will paramedics park onsite?

Onsite parking will be provided for the new station to accommodate peak operations and occupancy.

## How will noise and dust during construction be managed?

During construction works, dust mitigation strategies will be put in place to minimise dust generation. To reduce the impact of noise in the area, construction activities will be generally limited to standard construction industry hours, with construction not scheduled to occur on Sundays or public holidays (unless notified prior and by exception only). Prior to any works starting on site, local neighbours will receive a Notice to Commence Works, which will advise that works will soon start, the anticipated construction duration, confirm work hours and also provide contact details in the event of any questions or concerns.

## Will the community confuse the ambulance station for an Emergency Department at Woy Woy Hospital?

The new ambulance station will have very clear signage indicating it is an ambulance station. In addition some new way finding signage will be included for the Woy Woy Hospital which does not have an Emergency Department.



## FAQs

For a full list of frequently asked questions, visit: [www.mylocalambulance.health.nsw.gov.au/FAQs](http://www.mylocalambulance.health.nsw.gov.au/FAQs)

## For more information

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## Contact us

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