

An environment that maximises recovery

A wellbeing and rehabilitation focus has been central in the design of the Dhulwa mental health unit, giving patients as much privacy as possible, while still providing the supervision and care needed to ensure their safety and recovery, as well as the safety of the community.

Private rooms

While the Dhulwa facility features state-of-the-art security technology, rooms are private and monitored through opaque glass in the door that changes to clear glass when activated by staff.

Each room has an ensuite, a television, electric blinds, secure windows that can be opened for fresh air, electronic room temperature control and nurse call.

Patients will be able to lock their rooms should they wish to secure their belongings, or have privacy. However, staff can override bedroom locks if needed to ensure a person's safety.

Common areas

The design makes the most of natural light, with large secure windows providing extensive views of the beautiful surrounding landscape.

Patients will have access to a common room with a courtyard, a visitor lounge and courtyard with a yarnning circle, a multi-faith room, and a computer room for online learning.

A running track, gym and sport room will enable patients to exercise.

An activities room and courtyard allows creative activity, while a kitchen can be used as part of the therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation.

Separate enhanced care areas

The Mallee Lounge is a separate area that can accommodate groups of people, such as women, culturally alike individuals, younger or older patients.

Separate lounge areas throughout the facility enable any patient to find some space away from the others, should they need time alone.

Two adjoining single rooms with a shared, lockable door can be used to keep people with kinship ties together.

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