



Maari Ma's New Primary Health Care Service (PHCS) Facility

439-443 Argent St, Broken Hill

With significant staff growth and commensurate service growth over the last 10 years, continued provision of health services out of the old Silver King Hotel, at 428 Argent Street, was becoming increasingly difficult despite making a number of internal and external changes in recent times.



Plans to develop a new facility on the site of the Regional Office (439-443 Argent St) progressed quickly after a commitment of \$5 million came from the State and Commonwealth governments following long term lobbying. Regional Office staff de-camped to rented accommodation at 306 Oxide St so that the building could be gutted (after salvageable materials were auctioned off to staff). Health services continued to be delivered from the Silver King site throughout the construction of the new building.

Project managed by Burns Aldis (Sydney/Armidale) and constructed by CPM Builders (Mildura), the new facility was completed on time and within budget.

The Silver King + a transportable house (used for child health activities) had a floor space of about 610 m². The new PHCS facility has more than doubled our useable space with gross internal floor area of 1,354 m² including 113 m² first floor. Designed to fit within Broken Hill's heritage precinct (in Australia's first heritage-listed city), the new facilities comprise:

- 2 Interview Rooms;
- 2 Screening Rooms;
- 1 Observation Room;
- 2 Mental Health Counselling Rooms;



- 1 Audiology Room;
- 6 GP/Medical Specialist Consulting Rooms;



- 1 Podiatry Room;
- 1 Treatment Room

2 Dental Surgeries, plus Sterilising Room,
Dental Workshop and Dental Plant Room



Parking for 39 vehicles
Patient and Staff Courtyards



Reception Desk and Waiting Room;



Utility and Storage Rooms and two staff
kitchens/tea rooms;
Office Accommodation for 50-55 staff
members;



A new facility for the next phase of Maari
Ma's history, providing quality health, social
and community services and programs to the
Aboriginal people of the far west.



5 Healthy Start Consulting Rooms;
1 Healthy Start Kitchen and Family Meeting
Room;

