

# PORTARLINGTON REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

## BUILDER APPOINTED

Bellarine Community Health (BCH) has welcomed in the New Year with the recent signing of a building contract for the redevelopment of the Portarlington Community Health Centre.

After a competitive tender process, Loaram Constructions has been appointed to undertake the redevelopment works at the Portarlington site.

Covid-19 and the ongoing impact on construction costs for the building industry have created delays and budget issues, but BCH is delighted to now have Loaram Constructions on board and for the redevelopment works to begin.

Loaram Constructions has offices in both Geelong and Melbourne and will take possession of the site shortly. It is anticipated demolition works will begin in the coming weeks.

From the beginning of the project, BCH has engaged with and listened to its community partners such as the Portarlington Ladies Auxiliary and the Portarlington Food Assistance Program about their requirements, along with other community members about what makes a modern Community Health service.

A significant increase in building costs has resulted in some changes to the scale of the redevelopment including a reduction in floor area and changes to some building materials.



*Loaram Constructions Mark Dries and Rohan King with BCH Capital Works Manager Michelle Day and Project Architect Richie Schultz*

This has most noticeably resulted in alterations and scaling back of the decorative features to the façade of the building to keep costs within available budget.

Some BCH services, the Portarlington GP Clinic, pathology and maternal child health will continue to operate during the redevelopment, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The redevelopment is funded through the Department of Health's Community Health and Hospitals Program.

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