

ONSLow'S NEW HOSPITAL, AUGUST 2019

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During December 2018 Onslow received its first new hospital in over 50 years with the first patients being accepted from 8am 5 December 2018. The new hospital is required because of Chevron Australia's Wheatstone Project and their need to provide quality health care for their employees in the areas where they operate. Chevron proudly contributed \$22 million to the construction of Onslow's brand-new hospital and health service. The final cost has not yet been determined, but it was originally projected to cost \$41.8 million funded by the State Government and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone LNG project. Onslow Health Service was part of the previous Liberal-Nationals government's \$194.1 million North West Health Initiative, designed to improve health services in the State's north.

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BA2840/1382	The new Onslow Hospital. Regular clinics for some of the community's most important health services now run from the purpose-built facility including child health, physiotherapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, dietetics and paediatrics.
BA2840/1383	The Teleconferencing room. Using Telehealth in the expanded emergency department can put the state's best emergency physicians in the room with local staff, with potentially life-saving benefits.
BA2840/1384	The gynaecology room at the new Onslow Hospital. A midwife visits every month, and the busy GP clinic is open four days a week, with Aboriginal Medical Services holding their clinics over three days each month.

BA2840/1385	Acting Clinical Nurse Manager Hayley Aliphon re-making a bed in one of the procedure rooms at the New Onslow Hospital.
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BA2840/1387	Natalie Levett, who is the Business Support Manager, greets everyone with a welcoming smile.
BA2840/1388	The procedure room used for plastering and suturing. The hospital and healthcare hub, which provides regular clinics for important health services, has already seen more than 1,200 emergency department presentations since December 2018.
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BA2840/1390	One of the standard rooms at the new Onslow Hospital.
BA2840/1391	The balcony of the new Onslow Hospital looks out onto the Onslow community. The new facility delivers health care to the Onslow community close to where their patients live so that they have easy access to their families and loved ones.
BA2840/1392	Patient Service Assistant Gladys Rainey working in the kitchen at the new Onslow Hospital.
BA2840/1393	The morgue at the new Onslow Hospital.
BA2840/1394	Dentist Andrew Pritchard working in the new Onslow Hospitals dental room.
BA2840/1395	Nicole Manfis, Jarlath Duke and their two children Nahla and Rulieegh Duke, in the new Onslow Hospital's Child Health Room. The Onslow Health Service is an outstanding facility that is clearly being embraced by the local community. It means local residents can receive great healthcare near where they live, which is a key component of commitment to putting patients first.
BA2840/1396	Acting Clinical Nurse Manager Hayley Aliphon at the new Onslow Hospital.
BA2840/1397	The Solar grid out the back of the new Onslow Hospital. Natural gas company, Chevron, which operates its Wheatstone Project nearby, has made a substantial financial contribution to partner with the WA State Government for this project. Chevron has committed to investing \$250 million

	in Onslow for critical infrastructure projects including a hospital, airport and recreational facilities. This essentially means the company is supplying natural gas to WA as well as renewable energy.
BA2840/1398	The hospital's distinctive curved roof is designed to reflect the colours and geography of the region.
BA2840/1399	This is Onslow's first new hospital in more than 50 years. The staff moved into the new building on the 5 th of December 2018 marking a major milestone for the facility, which has been in development since November 2016.
BA2840/1400	The building also features a digitally printed mural of more than 150 residents' handprints on the underside of the roof. The handprints were made in the red dirt and Onslow salt sprinkled around them to add a very distinctive Onslow feel to them.
BA2840/1401	The architecture of this new building is pleasing to the eye, combined with indigenous artwork this new hospital is a true asset to the community of Onslow.
BA2840/1402	The two-chair capacity dialysis unit.
BA2840/1403	The new Onslow Hospital at sunrise. The thoughtful design of this beautiful building is pleasing to the eye and allows it to compliment the environment in which it has been built.
BA2840/1404	Sunrise on a Saturday morning at the new Onslow Hospital and all is quiet.