Biggenden health workforce accommodation

Overview

Fleetwood Australia was selected by Queensland Health to design, manufacture and install accommodation to replace the old nurses' quarters and shared amenities at the Biggenden Multipurpose Health Service. Biggenden is located 287km north-west of Brisbane and its health facility provides a range of services, including emergency care. Because of the shift nature of the work undertaken by staff, privacy and separation between quarters was a key area of focus for the client.

Solution

The project was successfully managed, from design to installation and service connection. This ensured the smooth delivery of a high-quality solution that met the requirements of Queensland Health and Biggenden Multipurpose Health Service. The accommodation features a 'fishbone' layout, minimising disruptions to other units. Fleetwood also supervised complex electrical management to ensure uninterrupted power supply during emergencies.

The completed project includes:
- 10 self-contained one-bedroom units with outdoor decks
- reverse cycle air-conditioning, laundry facilities, and ensuites
- accessibility ramps for all abilities
- freshly landscaped surroundings
- delivery within seven months of contract award.

Benefits

Attracting and retaining staff in a small regional community like Biggenden Multipurpose Health Service is always a challenge. Offering comfortable units with private bathrooms helps recruit and retain essential healthcare providers who contribute to the community.

Fleetwood Australia's modular building methods provided quality accommodation at a comparable cost to traditional construction, but in a shorter timeframe. This is especially beneficial in regional areas like Biggenden where materials and labor may be limited. Installation was completed within seven months of contract award, meeting the urgent need for modern accommodation.

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