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## Project profile

Regional New South Wales hospital makes significant savings on patient transport costs during refurbishment



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Deployment of a  
Mobile Surgical Unit to  
Moree Hospital

## Background

Moree District Hospital began one of its largest capital improvement projects in over 30 years in April 2016. The major refurbishment of the existing operating theatres involved major ventilation and air conditioning works, asbestos removal, replacement of boilers, new and replacement equipment and improved storage facilities for the operating suite. The work was planned to be completed in September 2016 at a cost of \$1.75 million.

In order to continue providing services to the area, NSW Health contacted the Aspen Medical Mobile Health Unit (MHU).

Over the course of the deployment Moree District Hospital completed 349 procedures in the MHU. Of these 349 procedures, 56 were emergency procedures that would have been transferred to another site to have their urgent procedure had the MHU not been on site at Moree.



The cost of transferring a patient urgently from Moree is estimated at over \$5,000 per transfer. This does not include any costs for transferring the patient back to Moree from another site. Moree District Hospital estimated a minimum saving of \$300,000 over the course of the deployment of the unit.

The following elective and emergency procedures were conducted in the MHU:

- 10 x Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
- 9 x Laparoscopic Appendicectomy
- 144 x Endoscopy
- 23 x Caesarean Section
- 8 x Orthopaedic
- 63 x Ophthalmology
- 7 x ENT

## Challenges

- restricted space at location
- politically-sensitive.

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