Hospital Design in the Context of an Ageing Population: Case Studies Rural NSW
Ballantyne D
Health Infrastructure, NSW Health, Australia

The development of Multipurpose Services (MPS) commenced in NSW in the early 1990s to enable sustainable hospital, medical, aged care or community services, to meet the needs of rural and remote communities across NSW.

The model tailors healthcare needs for the local community by integrating health, aged care services, and emergency and urgent care services, to provide flexible health service delivery – from primary healthcare to acute and residential aged care.

MPS facilities are a key component in providing integrated healthcare across Local Health Districts and the greater NSW Health system. They work alongside other healthcare facilities to deliver the best services possible, including Community Health Services, District Hospital, Regional Health Services and Metropolitan Teaching or Tertiary Hospitals.