

A photograph of the Mona Vale Hospital building, a large multi-story structure with a prominent glass facade and a sign on top that reads "MONA VALE HOSPITAL". The building is surrounded by trees and a paved area with some parked cars.

MONA VALE
HOSPITAL

Surely, every Australian has the right to a local hospital?

Then why is Mona Vale Hospital closing in October?

The government's plan is to close Mona Vale Hospital in October and demolish the main building in 2019. They say Pittwater people can use the new Northern Beaches Hospital, but look at the map overleaf and you'll see how the NBH takes on a whole new catchment area. Pittwater is left out on a limb. Whichever way you look at it, closing MVH leaves us vulnerable. For example, places like Five Dock, Epping, Hornsby and Newtown are actually closer to the new NBH than Mona Vale.

It's almost unbelievable, after all the cries of anguish from the community, that this callous act of closure could take place. It's disgraceful that a perfectly sound hospital building be demolished and a whole area of Sydney would be left without a local level 3 hospital.

How do they justify demolishing the hospital?

Our local representative Rob Stokes has told us the building is structurally unsound. However, a freedom of information request revealed a secret report by engineers Ove Arup stating the "structural elements of the building are in fair to good condition". This is a building that is 54 years old. The photo above certainly does not look like an old worn out building. Two floors have recently been refurbished. By comparison, St Vincents Hospital is 154 years old and is still being refitted.

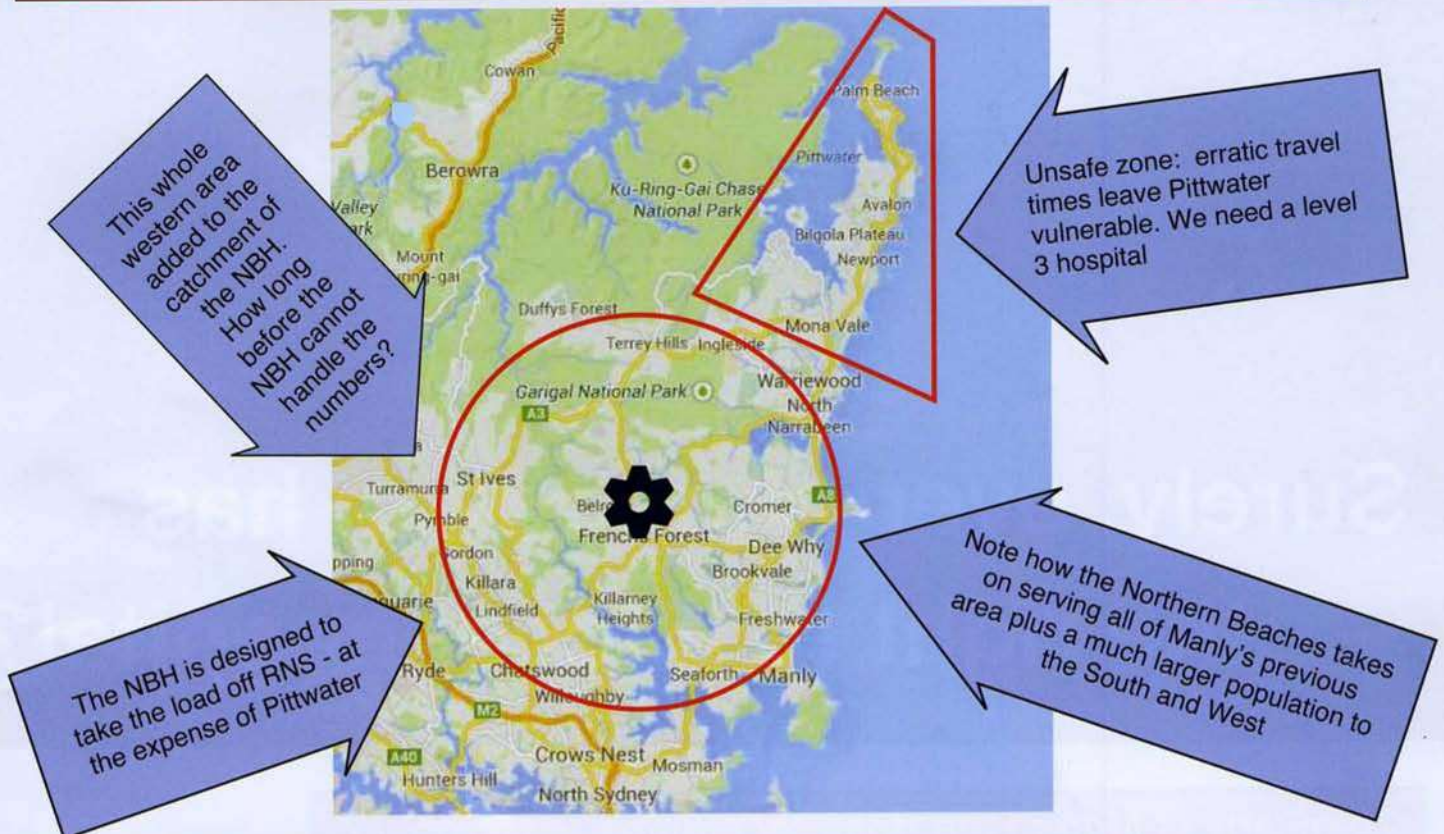
We desperately need a level 3 LOCAL hospital...

The government is cramming more and more people into our area, but has not planned for adequate hospitals. Congestion on the northern beaches means lives will be lost as residents desperately try to reach the NBH along a flood-prone Wakehurst Parkway. All because they want to set up a largely private, money making health facility, with mere lip service paid to public services. And do they also intend to build high rise apartments? The experience with Prince Henry Hospital suggest they might.

STAND UP AGAINST THIS OUTRAGE!

DON'T LET THEM CLOSE MONA VALE HOSPITAL

The Northern Beaches Hospital supports a much larger population, leaving Pittwater out on a limb



This is a planning failure, which will cost Australian lives...

A local hospital is so basic, so fundamental to the needs of our community. How dare they close our hospital to give us what is essentially not even a hospital at all. Oh, but you have the NBH they'll say. That's rubbish, you could die three times over in congestion between here and the new hospital. At a local resident's meeting recently, an NBH spokesperson admitted there had been no analysis of travel times from Pittwater to the NBH.


Don't take this lying down. Make a stand at the giant rally. The closure of the Mona Vale hospital has been kept quiet. Tell your friends, this is a matter of life and death.

COME TO THE GIANT RALLY!

**At the mona vale village green
On Sunday 14 October at 11am**

**FOLLOWED BY A MARCH FROM MONA VALE
TO THE HOSPITAL**

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