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HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE NEXT STAGES OF THE DUBBO HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

As part of the ongoing community engagement for the next stage of the \$150 million Dubbo Hospital redevelopment, the communities of Nyngan, Bourke, Walgett and Coonamble will have the opportunity to view the schematic designs, provide input into the layout of key public areas and to learn more about the project.

The schematic design plans and artist impressions of Stages 3 and 4 of the redevelopment, were unveiled by Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Dubbo Troy Grant in November last.

Community members are invited to provide input into the look and feel of some public areas of the hospital including:

- The front of house/ main entrance and foyer area
- Outdoor courtyard spaces
- Quiet rooms and public waiting areas

The project team will host a short presentation to inform what types of artwork, landscaping and signage could improve the patient and visitor experience and make everyone feel welcome.

Dubbo Hospital General Manager, Debbie Bickerton hopes that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people living in and around these towns will take up this unique opportunity.

“Approximately 50 percent of Dubbo Hospital’s patients come from rural and remote areas so it’s really important that these communities get the chance to tell us how we can make our hospital a more welcoming, positive place for everyone,” said Ms Bickerton.

Since the NSW Government committed \$150 million to Stages 3 and 4 in January 2015, extensive planning and consultation with key health and community representatives has been undertaken to determine the clinical priorities.

Once complete, Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment Stages 3 and 4 will include:

- A new Emergency Department and Short Stay Unit
- A new Medical Imaging Unit
- A new Ambulatory Care Unit
- A new Renal Dialysis Unit (originally part of Stages 1 and 2 works)
- A new Critical Care Floor comprising of:
 - Coronary Care/ Stroke Unit
 - Intensive Care Unit
 - Cardiac Catheter Laboratory (and Angiography Laboratory space)

- A new Front of House entry and drop of zone
- A new Inpatient Unit
- Expansion to Oncology
- Upgrade of Women's and Children's Community Health; and
- Additional car parking on campus

As part of the planning for the new integrated cancer centre, the location of the expanded oncology unit and upgraded women's and community health services will be reviewed to get the best configuration of the Dubbo Health Service.

Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment Stages 3 and 4 will provide contemporary, integrated health services that will meet the communities' needs now and well into the future.

Construction works for the additional floor of the new clinical services building are scheduled to commence in the coming weeks following the appointment of a builder.

Event details:

Time	Location	Venue
Monday 6 February 2017		
12.00am – 2.30pm	Nyngan	Nyngan Aboriginal Land Council
Tuesday 7 February 2017		
10am – 12.30pm	Bourke	Bourke Bowling Club
Wednesday 8 February 2017		
9.30am – 12pm	Walgett	Walgett Sporting Club
2pm – 4.30pm	Coonamble	Coonamble Bowling Club

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