

Work starts on new Dialysis Unit

Construction starts on a new and expanded Dialysis Unit at Dubbo Hospital this month as part of the NSW Government's \$150 million Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment Stages 3 and 4.

The tender to construct the new Dialysis Unit was awarded to Lipman Pty Ltd late last year and site establishment works began in January 2019.

Originally planned as a refurbishment in Stages 1 and 2 of the redevelopment, the Dialysis Unit has been incorporated into Stages 3 and 4 to deliver a brand new, expanded facility directly above the Extended Day Surgery Unit.

When complete, the new Dialysis Unit will provide life-saving treatment and support to patients spanning from Dubbo to the Queensland border in a contemporary, open and bright facility.

Nurse Manager for Dubbo Dialysis and Renal Outreach, Gail O'Brien says staff are very excited that construction is underway and can't wait to move in.

"When complete, the new contemporary Dialysis Unit will not only be reassuringly close to the Emergency Department, it will be less crowded, provide more patient privacy and amenities and offer an abundance of natural light that staff and patients will benefit from," said Ms O'Brien.

The new Dialysis Unit will include:

- 12 dialysis chairs;
- Two training rooms;
- Two isolation rooms;
- Two consultation rooms; and
- Future expansion zone for four more dialysis chairs.

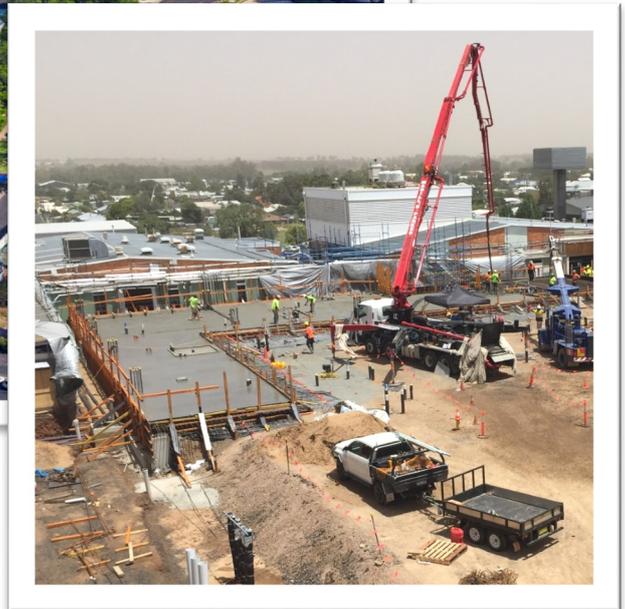
Construction is scheduled for completion in late 2019.



An artist impression of the Dubbo Hospital front entry shows the new Dialysis Unit above the Extended Day Surgery Unit



(Above) An aerial view from late January 2019 shows construction progress on the new three-storey clinical services building, including the new car park on the south eastern side of the campus. (Right) Hansen Yuncken started pouring the first slab in December 2018.



Stage 4 construction update

Main works construction for the new three-storey hospital building is well underway. The ground floor concrete slab has been poured and formwork for the first suspended concrete slab is underway.

The new building is located in the middle of the hospital campus so it must be built in stages to ensure there is minimal disruptions to patients and staff.

The first section will include the medical imaging unit and the project team is working closely with unit staff to ensure a smooth transition into their new facility when construction is complete. This includes developing new models of care and work practices to maximise the benefits of this new state-of-the-art facility.

Western Cancer Centre

The new \$35m cancer centre will be located in the footprint of the current Dialysis Unit.

This means that main works for the cancer centre will start when the Dialysis Unit has moved in to its new facility above Extended Day Surgery Unit.

The tender award for construction is expected in the second half of this year and early works including the installation of some in-ground services will get underway shortly after.

The Western Cancer Centre project will be constructed in parallel with Stages 3 and 4 is expected to be complete in 2021.

Thanks for your patience and support as we progress this important community project - stay tuned for more updates!