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MEMBER FOR DUBBO ELECTORATE

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### CEREMONY MARKS 'GROWTH' OF DUBBO HOSPITAL

Construction on the new three-story clinical building reached its highest point today as part of the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment Stages 3 and 4.

To mark the occasion, Member for Dubbo electorate Dugald Saunders joined the project team and hospital staff for a topping-out ceremony on the rooftop of the new building.

The topping-out ceremony is an old building tradition that celebrates the highest point of construction by placing a tree at the top of the structure.

"Today marks an important milestone in the redevelopment of Dubbo Hospital, and it comes just days after the NSW Budget provided more than \$40 million to continue Stages 3 and 4 of the project," Mr Saunders said.

"The new three-storey clinical building will enable Dubbo Hospital's highly-valued health staff to provide the very best care not only to patients in our electorate, but across western NSW, for years to come."

The new building, which is 20 metres tall, is part of the the NSW Government's \$150 million commitment for Stages 3 and 4 of the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment.

There has been significant progress on the site and when Stage 4 construction is complete, the new building will include:

- An emergency department and short stay unit
- A medical imaging unit
- A critical care floor comprising of: coronary care/stroke unit, intensive care unit and cardiac catheter laboratory
- An ambulatory care unit; and
- A main entry and drop off zone

The works are being carefully staged to ensure all hospital services are maintained during the construction period.



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Dubbo Hospital General Manager Debbie Bickerton said construction was also underway on a new and expanded Renal Dialysis Unit, which was being built above the current Extended Day Surgery Unit.

“This will be followed by construction of the new \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo, which includes a \$25 million contribution from the Australian Government,” Ms Bickerton said.

“The transformation of Dubbo Hospital sets a new benchmark for other major regional referral hospitals in NSW,” Mr Saunders said.

“It will ensure that people living in regional and remote areas of western NSW have better access to essential health services much closer to home.”

All construction is scheduled to be completed in 2021.

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