

## Western Cancer Centre construction set to start!

On 6 November 2019, Minister Hazzard visited Dubbo hospital to announce Lipman as the successful tenderer to construct the \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo.

The centre will be built where the old operating theatres and current dialysis unit are located on the western side of the campus. Construction will start in earnest in early 2020 after dialysis patients have moved into their new purpose-built facility above the Extended Day Surgery Unit.

When complete, the cancer centre will feature 16 chemotherapy chairs, a radiation therapy bunker, PET-CT scanner, a wellness space and a master planned area for a second radiation bunker in the future.

Construction is scheduled for completion in 2021.



*Dubbo Oncologist, Dr Florian Honeyball (left) celebrates with Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Nurse Unit Manager, Tim Williams (right).*

## Construction boosts local economy

A new report has shown that the \$241 million investment in Dubbo Hospital is not only delivering world-class healthcare, it's boosting the local economy.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet and Health Minister Brad Hazzard recently visited Dubbo Hospital to release *Regional Economic Impacts of Public Hospital Investment* by the Regional Australia Institute and NSW Health Infrastructure.

The report shows a 15% jump in healthcare jobs in Dubbo as well as a significant rise in construction jobs - all of which benefits local business sectors and local communities.



## Dialysis patients prepare to move

Construction is complete and operational commissioning has begun! In less than 12 months, builders have transformed the roof of the Extended Day Surgery Unit into an contemporary, open and bright, Dialysis Unit.

The new unit provides more space for staff and patients, who can spend up to 15 hours every week receiving treatment.

The new unit provides contemporary facilities and comfortable patient and staff areas that and offer privacy when needed. The large windows also let in an abundance of natural light which will contribute to an improved patient experience and promote well-being.

Hospital staff and the project team are now focused on getting the new service ready to

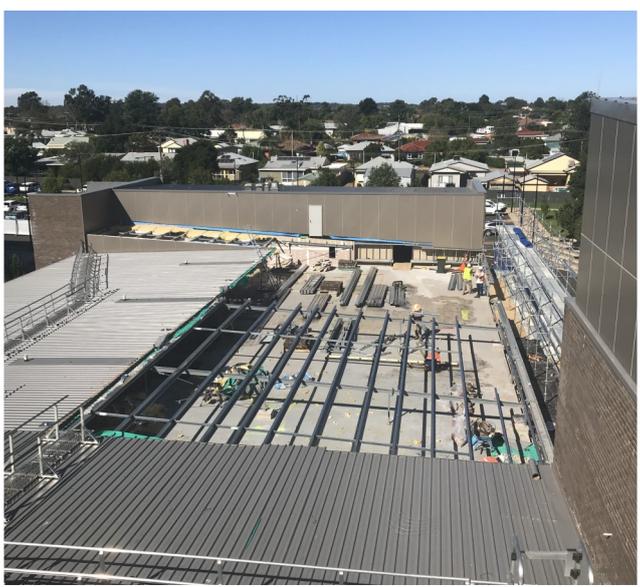


*NSW Treasurer, Dominic Perrottet, Health Minister, Brad Hazzard and Member for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders recently visited Dubbo Hospital and toured the nearly completed Dialysis Unit.*

open before Christmas.

This is an especially nice Christmas present for Nurse Unit Manager, Gail O'Brien and her team who have worked tirelessly to provide life-saving dialysis treatment to patients from across the District, while also playing a key role in the planning and design of the new facility to make sure it will meet the needs of patients and staff for many years to come.

Congratulations and well done to everyone who contributed to the fabulous, new Dialysis Unit.



*In March 2019, the first sheets of roof were removed to commence construction of the new Dialysis Unit.*

### Did you know?

In addition to the many patients in Dubbo, the Dialysis Unit is also the hub for several satellite dialysis services across Northern and Western areas of NSW including Cobar and Lightning Ridge.



Member for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders was recently shown the prototype room (Acute Bay) in the new Emergency Department which is opening in the first half of 2020

### Temporary triage area

To help facilitate the transition from the old into new, as well as maintain hospital services throughout the final construction phase, a temporary triage area adjacent to the main entry reception area will open soon.

This area will be used to triage patients who present to the Emergency Department until the front of house area for the new three storey building is completed. The triage area will then be moved to its permanent location within the Emergency Department and the area it vacates will be refurbished for front of house retail services offering food, coffee and gifts.

### Stage 4 progress

Solid construction progress is being made on the new three-storey hospital building as part of Stage 4. The first stage of the building is scheduled to open in the first half of 2020 which will include Emergency and Medical Imaging Departments.



Aerial photo of Dubbo Hospital taken in late October 2019. It shows the recent roadworks at the roundabout and main access entry to the hospital. The tower crane shown in this picture was also recently removed because it is no longer required for construction.