

### Western Cancer Centre's Linear Accelerator has landed!

At the end of April, our new state-of-the art Linear Accelerator (LINAC) arrived at Dubbo Hospital. Used to administer radiation therapy to cancer patients, the LINAC is being installed in a purpose-built bunker on the ground floor of the new Cancer Centre. Once installed, the LINAC will undergo an extensive acceptance testing and commissioning process before staff training can begin. This is the first time Dubbo and surrounding communities will have access to radiation therapy so close to home. Patients will be able to utilise the new radiation therapy service later in the year once construction of the Western Cancer Centre is completed.



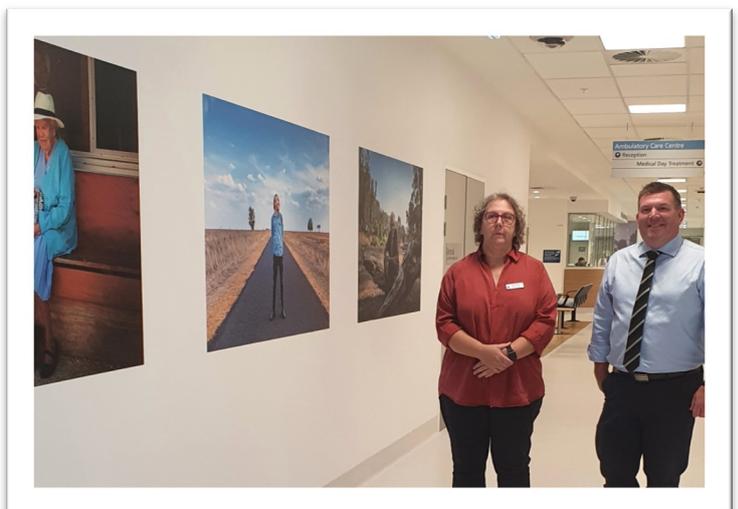
### The Specialist Medical Centre is moving onto campus

On Wednesday 12 May, the Specialist Medical Centre and Respiratory Clinic will close their doors in Manera Plaza and open in the new Ambulatory Care Centre on Level 1 of the Macquarie Building at Dubbo Hospital

Level 1 will become an all-in-one hub for outpatient specialties, small general procedures, medical day treatment and orthopaedic specialists.

The integration of multiple services will bring Dubbo in line with the larger metro hospitals, allowing patients to have multiple appointments in the one place which will help to streamline and simplify their care.

It also enables specialists to be much closer to the in-patient hospital services and allow for better collaboration opportunities.



*Hospital General Manager, Debbie Bickerton and Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders visit the new Ambulatory Care floor*



## Construction starts on new car parks

On Tuesday 13 April, the first sod was turned by Member for Dugald Saunders to mark the start of construction on the \$30 million car park project at Dubbo Hospital.

The current focus for building contractors, Hansen Yuncken, is to construct the new ground level car park close to the new main hospital entry before starting on the multi-storey car park—adjacent to the rail line and close to the new Western Cancer Centre.

Once complete, patients, visitors and staff will have access to more than 350 additional car spaces which will significantly improve access



*The Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment team joined hospital representatives, Wiradjuri Elder, Lewis Burns and Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders to celebrate the start of construction.*

to the hospital campus.

The project also includes significant infrastructure upgrades such as roadways, footpaths, hospital access, lighting and security.

The façade of the multi-storey car park will feature an engaging graphic design to ensure the car park is aesthetically pleasing to staff, patients and visitors.

Construction is expected to take 12 months to complete and, once finished, will increase the number of car parks on campus to nearly 1000.

**The NSW Government is delivering a major expansion and upgrade to Dubbo Hospital services to meet the health needs of Dubbo and Western NSW communities now, and into the future. We appreciate your support and patience as we progress with construction.**



*L to R: Member for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders, Hansen Yuncken Project Manager, Daniel Spirit-Jones and Hospital General Manager, Debbie Bickerton turn the first sod.*