

## Construction tender awarded for new Renal Unit

The tender to construct the new Renal Unit above Extended Day Surgery at Dubbo Hospital has been awarded to Lipman Pty Limited, and construction will commence in early 2019.

The award of the tender follows an extensive consultation and planning period with key hospital staff to ensure the best design for the relocation, expansion and upgrade of the Renal Unit.

The Renal Unit was originally going to receive an expansion and upgrade of its current space as part of Stages 1 and 2 of the redevelopment. However,



*An artist's impression of a dialysis treatment spaces*



*Savills Senior Project Manager, Paul Edmiston (middle) and Renal Unit Manager, Gail O'Brien (right) show staff the design of the new unit.*

the option was reviewed when funding for Stages 3 and 4 was announced, and it was agreed that relocating the new unit to a brand new space closer to acute clinical services would be a better outcome for patients and staff.

When complete, the new Renal Unit will have 16 renal treatment spaces including an education space.

The project team recently met with Renal Unit staff to show artist's impressions of the new unit. These graphics are also available on the project wall in the corridor off the hospital's main entry or on the project website:

[www.dubbohospitalredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dubbohospitalredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Thanks for your support and patience as we progress Stage 4 Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment and Western Cancer Care. Please pay close attention to signage and drive carefully at all times.**

## Stage 4 construction update

Construction on Stage 4 is making good progress with the first concrete pour for the ground floor slab soon.

Our beloved construction crane “Lorraine the Crane” is also set to return to Dubbo Hospital to help construct our new three-storey clinical building which will include a main entry, Emergency Department, Medical Imaging Unit, a critical care floor and Ambulatory Care Unit

Constructing a large clinical building in the middle of the hospital campus is a complex process, especially because the hospital has to maintain all of its patient services throughout construction.

## New car park

A new car park, providing 131 car spaces will be delivered to support the expansion of services at Dubbo Hospital. The car park will open to patients and staff when the Stage 4 building is complete.

In the mean time, site sheds for our Stage 4 builders, Hansen Yuncken have been installed on the future car park location to progress works on the three-storey clinical building.

In addition to the redevelopment car park, Health Infrastructure is also assisting the LHD to identify any future parking options on campus.



*This aerial photo taken in November 2018, shows a portion of the footprint for the new three-storey clinical building. The structure will be built in stages (starting with the back of the building and working to the front) to minimise disruption to services.*



## George Hatch and Dr Ian Locke remembered

In late October, Dubbo Hospital recognised the important contributions of Dr Ian Locke and Mr George Hatch at an official naming ceremony for the new administration and education building (previously the old Maternity Unit).

Both Dr Locke and Mr Hatch's families were there to celebrate the lives and achievements of two people who had a hugely positive impact on the community and the staff they worked with.

The refurbished building was named the Ian Locke Building in recognition of the Dubbo's first paediatrician, and the George Hatch Medical Library has been named after the first male nurse in NSW who worked at Dubbo Hospital for 44 years.

*Top right: George Hatch's relatives and ex-nurse colleagues cut the ribbon to open the new medical library. Bottom right: Dr Ian Locke's wife, children and grandchildren unveil the new building plaque.*



## Cancer Centre planning complete

The end of 2018, also marks the end of the planning and design phase for the \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo.

Following an extensive consultation period with health professionals and rural and remote communities to determine the best design, the project team is expected to issue a construction tender to the market in the first half of 2019.

In-ground services and site preparation works will commence once the tender is awarded. The main works for the new cancer centre structure will start when the Renal Unit is relocated to its new contemporary and expanded space on top of the Extended Day Surgery Unit.



*An artist's impression of the Western Cancer Centre Dubbo's exterior.*