

New car spaces open

Several new car spaces were opened in March opposite the Emergency Department as part of Stage 4 construction. Hospital general manager, Debbie Bickerton and hospital engineer, Brian Cusack helped remove the barricades to let the first wave of patients and visitors into the car park.

Approximately 70 of the 131 spaces have been opened to meet the current parking demands on campus. The remaining spaces will open when Stage 4 construction is complete.



Barricades are removed to open the new car park for patients and visitors



An aerial view of the newly opened hospital car park for patients and visitors - located opposite the Emergency Department.



Staff and patients celebrate the Surgical Unit's first birthday

Surgical Unit turns one!

In March last year, the newly constructed Surgical Unit opened to patients following a traditional Wiradjuri smoking ceremony.

One year on and hundreds of patients later, the unit's first birthday was celebrated with a morning tea for everyone in the unit.

Last year, staff and patients were relocated into a contemporary and bright 34-bed facility above the Maternity Unit. Their old home, formerly known as S Block, has since been demolished to make way for the new three-storey clinical building.

Happy birthday Surgical Unit!

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REMINDER:

Please pay close attention to traffic and pedestrian signage and drive carefully at all times.

Stage 4 construction

Dubbo Hospital is a flurry of construction activity right now.

Solid progress is being made on the new three-storey hospital building that will deliver essential acute and out-patient services.

Construction commenced in July 2018 and is being carefully staged to minimise disruptions to patients and staff.

The first phase of construction is focused on the new emergency, short stay and medical imaging units.

Once these services are operational, demolition of vacated hospital areas can occur and construction

will focus on the remaining clinical services which includes a new critical care floor with a Coronary care/stroke unit, Intensive care unit and Cardiac catheter laboratory; a new Ambulatory Care unit and main hospital entry, transit lounge, retail space and drop off zone.

In parallel with these works, the project team is working closely with hospital staff to develop new models of care and work practices that will compliment the new state-of-the-art facilities.

This extensive commissioning and change management process will ensure a positive transition from the old into the new, and allow staff to deliver the very best patient care as soon as the doors open.

Construction on Stage 4 hospital building is scheduled for completion in 2021.



The above aerial photo, taken in late March, shows a very busy work site at Dubbo Hospital for the new three-storey clinical building.

Dialysis Unit construction in full swing

In parallel with construction for the new Stage 4 hospital building, work is underway on the new Dialysis Unit which is being built above the Extended Day Surgery Unit.

The new unit will provide life-saving dialysis treatment to patients who live locally and in more remote parts of Western NSW.

It will include two consultation rooms, two isolation rooms and treatment space for 14 renal dialysis chairs, two renal training chairs in separate rooms; and an expansion zone for four future dialysis chairs.

Construction on the new Dialysis Unit is scheduled for completion in late 2019.

Once dialysis patients and staff have moved in to the new purpose-built facility, construction will start on the \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo.

The new cancer centre will be constructed on the western edge of the campus where the old operating theatres and Dialysis Unit are currently located.



(Above) In February, Government representatives, Local Health District and hospital executives witnessed the start of works for the Dialysis Unit with the removal of the first roof sheets.



An aerial photo shows construction progress of Dialysis Unit in late March.

Redevelopment Stages 3 and 4 & Cancer Centre: next 12 months

