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SNEAK PEAK INTO NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Construction on the new three-storey clinical building at the redeveloped Dubbo Hospital is progressing well, with the first of two prototype rooms for the emergency department being unveiled today.

Member for the Dubbo electorate Dugald Saunders joined with the project team and senior hospital staff for a sneak peak of the new emergency department, which is currently under construction.

The first prototype room in the emergency department is the resuscitation bay used to stabilise critically ill patients. The second will be an acute bay which is where serious but stable patients will be cared for before being discharged or moved to a ward within the hospital.

“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 closer to home.

“The resuscitation bay we have looked at today will provide direct access from triage and the ambulance entry, and to medical imaging.

“The bay accommodates a range of staff required for resuscitation and the location of these rooms also provide visual and acoustic privacy. Dedicated storage is easily accessible for equipment with access to interview/quiet rooms for relatives.”

A proportion of the new emergency department and medical imaging unit will open in early 2020 as part of a complex and staged building process that ensures hospital services are maintained throughout construction process.

When fully 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, cardiac catheter laboratory and an ambulatory care unit.

The new three-storey hospital building, is part of NSW Government’s \$150 million commitment for Stages 3 and 4 of the Dubbo Hospital redevelopment.

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