

Demolition works get underway for new Western Cancer Centre

On 19 February, Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders joined Federal member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, Western NSW Local Health District Chief Executive, Scott McLachlan and hospital staff to kick off the start of demolition works for the new Cancer Centre.

The centre will provide patients living in regional and remote areas of NSW with improved access to life-saving cancer diagnostic and treatment services much closer to home.

When complete, it will provide 16 chemotherapy spaces, a bunker for radiation treatment, a PET CT scanner for cancer diagnostics and a wellness area for support services.

Demolition works will continue over the next few weeks before main works construction gets underway.

The project is scheduled for completion in 2021.



The local media were onsite to witness the start of demolition which involved removing the first sheet of cladding from the exterior of the old Dialysis Unit.

New equipment arrives at Dubbo Hospital

As part of the new Medical Imaging Department, the community will have access to a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine at Dubbo Hospital.

This is the first time patients will be able to have a MRI scan at Dubbo Hospital. A MRI machine uses a large magnet and radio waves to look inside the body.

After the Western Cancer Centre media event, Mr Saunders and Mr Coulton dropped in to view installation progress of the new MRI and two CT Scanners, which are being installed by special technicians within the new three-storey clinical building. Both machines will be open to the public in the coming weeks. (MRI pictured on left).



DUBBO HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Stage 4 and Western Cancer Centre

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An artist's impression above shows the new front of house for Dubbo Hospital. Builders will start construction when the current Emergency and Medical Imaging Units are moved into their new facilities.

First stage of new hospital building set to open

New Emergency and Medical Imaging departments are set to open at Dubbo Hospital in March. The new three storey hospital building is being opened in two stages to minimise disruptions and maintain patient services and access at all times.

Once staff and patients have vacated the current Emergency and Medical Imaging departments, further demolition and construction can get underway to complete the front of the building and the upgraded and expanded services on the first and second floors. These services include an Ambulatory Care Unit and a Critical Care Unit comprising of Coronary Care/Stroke Unit, Intensive Care Unit and Cardiac Catheter Laboratory.

A view from the sky



The above aerial photo taken in February 2020 shows the first stage of the three-storey building almost complete. The Emergency and Medical Imaging departments on the right hand side of the picture will soon be demolished to create an open, bright and welcoming front of house. The bottom of the picture is where the new Ambulance drop off and pick up area will be.