

## First concrete pour for the new Cancer Centre

Member for Dubbo, Dugald Saunders and Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton visited the Western Cancer Centre site last week to mark the first concrete pour.

First up was the bunker for radiation therapy which will be a brand new service for the Dubbo region. The bunker walls will be up to 2.3 meters thick to encapsulate the linear accelerator machine that is used to administer radiation treatment to patients.

Following the concrete pours for the bunker and ground floor slab, the structure will begin to go up with formwork and reinforcements to prepare for the first floor concrete pour.

This is a really exciting milestone and construction is on track for completion next year.



*The staff station in the new Coronary Care Unit at Dubbo Hospital.*

## Construction complete for new Coronary Care Unit

Construction of the new Coronary Care Unit, being delivered as part of the \$150M Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment, is now complete.

Some of the bedrooms feature thick glass sliding doors to enable staff to see critically ill patients at all times and to provide a level of patient privacy. This is a great achievement and thanks to everyone who helped plan, design and construct the unit.

The Coronary Care Unit is located within the new critical care floor on level two of the Macquarie Building.

The remaining units on the critical care floor, including the Stroke Unit, Intensive Care Unit and Cardiac Catheter Laboratory (and Angiography Laboratory space), will be completed as planned in 2021.



*Left to right: Dugald Saunders, Dubbo Hospital Oncologist, Florian Honeyball and Mark Coulton.*



### Recognising Betty Orth

The Betty Orth Memorial Unit at Dubbo Hospital was recently demolished to facilitate construction of the new \$35M Cancer Centre.

Dubbo resident, Betty started receiving dialysis treatment at Dubbo Hospital in 2000 and dedicated the last years of her life to raise funds for a new dialysis and diabetes facility.

In 2008, the Betty Orth Memorial Unit was opened at Dubbo Hospital and delivered the very best patient care for nearly 12 years until the new and expanded Dialysis Unit was opened in the Talbragar Building at Dubbo Hospital in December 2019.

Dubbo Hospital staff and the redevelopment team would like to thank and acknowledge Betty Orth for her commitment to improving the lives of diabetes and dialysis patients.

A plaque for Betty is being installed in the new Dialysis Unit.

### Front of house taking shape!

Construction is progressing well for the new Front of House at Dubbo Hospital (image below). The impressive new main entry will include a large glass facade and columns that reach up two floors to let in an abundance of natural light.

There will also be a convenient patient drop-off and pick-up zone out the front.

The final section of the Emergency Department is also progressing, with formwork underway, as well as the installation of electrical, gas and water services.

Work is also progressing on the remaining floors and units within the new building, including the remaining sections of the Critical Care, Ambulatory Care floors.

