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## Stage 4 on the home straight

Construction on the new three-storey hospital building at Dubbo - the Macquarie Building - is nearing completion.

Building contractor, Hansen Yuncken is currently focused on the internal fit-out of the clinical services building such as the Critical Care Floor, Ambulatory Care Unit and remaining part of the Emergency Dept.

The Macquarie building will also feature a new front of house and undercover drop-off zone. It will be a welcoming and open space that includes a main reception and public seating area, retail space and Aboriginal liaison area.

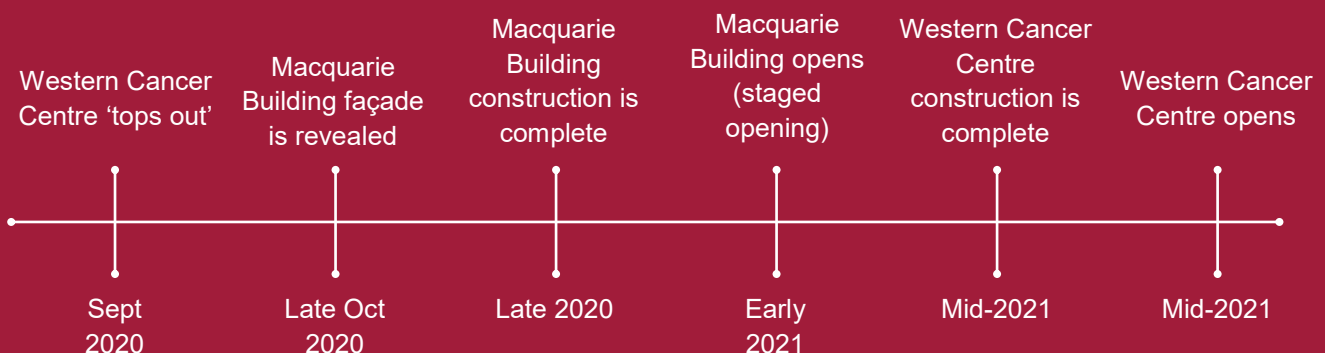
The impressive double-storey glass frontage will let in an abundance of natural light and stand out as the main entry point for patients and visitors.

Site tours are being conducted with staff to help familiarise them with the new building and prepare for the move, which will be carefully staged to maintain hospital services throughout the transition process.

A group of staff, who had a tour of construction last week (above right), said they are looking forward to being all together in a bigger area with more storage. Not long now!



## Dubbo Hospital's transformation timeline



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## Bush medicine mural for Cancer Centre patients.

Last week, renowned public artist, Fintan Magee completed his trilogy of murals for Dubbo Hospital by painting the electrical services building wall with local plants and berries that are traditionally used by Aboriginal people for bush food and medicine. Fintan developed his concept in consultation with local Wiradjuri Elders including Di McNaboe and Lewis Burns.

The wall faces the new Western Cancer Centre and will be looked upon by patients receiving cancer treatment on the first floor.

Earlier this year, Fintan completed two murals on the eastern walls of the hospital, which have been well-received by staff, patients and visitors. This mural would not have been possible without the in-kind contribution from our Western Cancer Centre contractor, Lipman.



## Western Cancer Centre progress

The concrete structure of the new cancer centre is almost complete. This includes tonnes of concrete used for Dubbo's first radiation bunker, which will provide life-saving radiation therapy to patients from Dubbo and out west.

Once all the concrete has been poured, work will focus on the formwork, internal walls and installation of services such as electrical, water and gas.

Meanwhile, preparations are underway with the oncology team, hospital staff and Western NSW Local Health District to open the centre, including:

- Developing new models of patient care, processes and work flows
- Training and education for the new technology, equipment and services
- Staff recruitment

Construction is scheduled for completion in mid-2021.





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## Construction from above

The aerial photo below, taken on Monday 24 August, shows construction of the Western Cancer Centre on the left and the final sections of the Macquarie building and front entry being built on the right.

Traffic has been temporarily diverted through the eastern car park while the front entry access road is constructed (below right).

Not long now until Dubbo Hospital's transformation is complete—what an amazing journey it has been so far!

