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TWO NEW CARPARKS AT DUBBO BASE HOSPITAL UNVEILED

Family and friends visiting loved ones at Dubbo Base Hospital will find it far easier to park, with the NSW Government doubling spaces as part of the \$241 million hospital redevelopment.

Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders released the designs today for the \$30 million carpark project – a new, multi-storey car park on the western side of the hospital campus and a new car park on the south eastern side, creating an extra 350 spaces.

"This is great news for the local community. The NSW Government's investment in Dubbo Base Hospital has boosted carparking capacity to a massive 926 spaces – an extra 761 new and upgraded spaces constructed during the hospital's redevelopment – ensuring one of NSW's busiest regional hospitals is well equipped for the future," Mr Saunders said.

"This important project is moving forward, with construction of the new car parks scheduled to start next year and be open in 2022."

Health Minister Brad Hazzard joined Mr Saunders at the unveiling of the carpark project during a visit to Dubbo for the joint Federal-State Bilateral Regional Health Forum.

"The NSW Government is delivering a record \$10.1 billion health infrastructure program across the state, stimulating local economies and creating new health jobs, especially in regional and rural areas," Mr Hazzard said.

"The \$30 million investment in parking is on top of the \$241 million for Dubbo Base Hospital's major upgrade, ensuring the campus delivers world-class health care closer to home."

The carpark project also includes local artwork for the façade of the multi-storey car park and infrastructure upgrades such as roadways, footpaths, hospital access, lighting and security.

The \$241 million Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment and the \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo (including \$25 million from the Federal Government), are on track for completion in 2021.

Stages 1 and 2 opened in 2016 and included operating theatres, a short stay unit and a maternity unit. Stage 3, including a new surgical in-patient unit, opened in 2018, and a new renal dialysis unit opened in December, 2019. The Emergency and Medical Imaging departments opened in March, followed by the Coronary Care Unit in June. The rest of the new Macquarie Building under Stage 4, including the Ambulatory Care Unit and Emergency triage area, will open by mid-2021.

The carpark designs can be viewed here: https://bit.ly/3kSlgpF

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