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NEW CAR PARK OPENS AT DUBBO HOSPITAL

Patients and visitors will enjoy more convenient access to the rapidly increasing services at Dubbo Hospital, with the new street level car park opening today.

The 40-space car park near the hospital's front entrance is phase one of the NSW Government's \$30 million Dubbo Hospital Car Park Project. A new multi-storey car park on the western side of the campus is still under construction, delivering more than 350 additional spaces.

Member for the Dubbo electorate Dugald Saunders officially opened the car park with the Chief Executive of the Western NSW Local Health District Scott McLachlan on Monday, and says the project will support the uplift in hospital services as a result of the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment and Western Cancer Centre projects.

"The NSW Government and Commonwealth Government have committed \$306.3million to transform Dubbo Hospital into a world-class regional referral health service, and today we deliver on our promise to provide more convenient, accessible parking for patients, visitors and staff," Mr Saunders said.

"When construction of the new the multi-storey car park is completed next year, Dubbo Hospital will have more than 350 additional car parking spaces – significantly boosting the overall parking capacity on campus, and improving access to one of the busiest regional hospitals in NSW."

The new multi-storey car park will provide dedicated staff parking to free up new and current parking near the hospital's front entrance for patients and visitors.

In addition to the two new car parks, the project includes infrastructure upgrades such as roadways, footpaths, hospital access, lighting and security.

Construction of the Dubbo Hospital Car Park Project is on track for completion in 2022. The final stages of construction for the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment were completed in August following the opening of the intensive care unit in the Macquarie Building. The intensive care unit was opened ahead of schedule to provide extra capacity for the hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo, which included \$25 million from the Federal Government, opened in September. Services within the new centre including chemotherapy, radiation therapy and PET CT Scanner services, are being opened in stages following a detailed staff training and operational commissioning process.

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