

## Community consultation for Western Cancer Centre

Consultation and planning to inform the detail design phase of the project started at the end of July and is expected to be complete in the coming weeks. The detail design phase determines the fixtures, furnishings and equipment for each room and public space within the cancer centre.

The \$35 million cancer centre will provide radiation, chemotherapy and advanced diagnostic services for Dubbo and its surrounding communities—bringing cancer treatment much closer to home.

To help inform the detail design phase, the project team visited Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Narromine, Cobar, Nyngan, Warren and Dubbo to get feedback from the community on the public areas. An online survey was also promoted during this period asking them to provide input into signage, artwork, furniture and colours.

The project team was also accompanied by Rod Crowfoot from Macquarie Homestay, which is a not-for-profit organisation that will provide affordable accommodation for Dubbo Hospital patients and their families. Community fundraising efforts have helped to construct 14 rooms by the end of the year, and future stages will follow.

Key feedback received from the community during the roadshow included

- ⇒ Colour coded wayfinding signage
- ⇒ Volunteers to greet and direct patients and visitors
- ⇒ Access to food and drink facilities
- ⇒ Comfortable and varied seating in various arrangements to suit families and individuals
- ⇒ Artwork that focuses on local landscapes and landmarks

The community consultation outcomes will be included in the project team's detail design report.

Construction of the cancer centre will be delivered in conjunction with Stage 4 of the Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment. The Western Cancer Centre is scheduled for completion in 2020.



**Lightning Ridge community consultation**



**Cobar community consultation**



**Narromine community consultation**





## Stage 4 construction update

A new clinical building and an additional car park will be delivered as part of Stage 4 works. The aerial view above shows the current construction zone on campus.

Construction is progressing well following the official sod turn ceremony for Stage 4 with the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian on 2 July this year. Demolition of the old Surgical Unit (S Block) is almost complete and the installation of in-ground services is well underway. The completion of these works will pave the way for the first concrete pour in the coming months.

The new clinical building is being built in the middle of the hospital campus and construction is carefully staged to minimise disruption to patients and staff. Completing the building in sections will ensure that all patient services at the hospital are maintained throughout the construction period, which is no mean feat!

In parallel, planning is nearly complete for the new Renal Unit which will be constructed on top of the Day Surgery Unit in the Talbragar Building. The tender process to construct the new and expanded unit is expected to get underway by the end of the year.

**Thanks for your patience and support as we progress these two important community projects. During construction, pay close attention to traffic and pedestrian signs and drive carefully at all times.**

The \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo is being delivered by the NSW Government with a \$25 million funding contribution from the Federal Government.

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