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from the office of... **TROY GRANT MP**
MEMBER FOR DUBBO ELECTORATE

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DIALYSIS UNIT CONSTRUCTION STARTS

Construction has commenced on a new and expanded Dialysis Unit at Dubbo Hospital, as part of stages 3 and 4 of the NSW Government's Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment.

The tender to construct the new Dialysis Unit was awarded to Lipman Pty Ltd late last year and site establishment works began in January 2019.

"Stages 3 and 4 are a continuation of the impressive redevelopment work already done at Dubbo Hospital, and the new Dialysis Unit is a key component of that," Member for Dubbo Troy Grant said.

"Diabetes is a very serious issue, particularly in regional areas, and this facility will be a state-of-the-art unit that will service a large portion of rural NSW."

When complete, the new Dialysis Unit will provide life-saving treatment and support to patients from Dubbo to the Queensland border in a contemporary, open and bright facility.

Originally planned as a refurbishment in Stages 1 and 2 of the redevelopment, the Dialysis Unit has been incorporated into Stages 3 and 4 to deliver a brand new, expanded facility directly above the Extended Day Surgery Unit.

Nurse Manager for Dubbo Dialysis and Renal Outreach, Gail O'Brien says staff are very excited that construction is underway and can't wait to move in.

"When complete, the new contemporary Dialysis Unit will not only be reassuringly close to the Emergency Department, it will be less crowded, provide more patient privacy and amenities and offer an abundance of natural light that staff and patients will benefit from," said Ms O'Brien.

The new Dialysis Unit will include 12 dialysis chairs; two training rooms; two isolation rooms; two consultation rooms; and a future expansion zone for four more dialysis chairs.

The first phase of construction on the Dialysis Unit will include removal of the existing roof and roof structure to make way for the new facility to be built on the concrete slab previously constructed as future expansion space as part of the Stages 1&2 redevelopment.



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Construction on the new Dialysis Unit is scheduled for completion in late 2019. Once the Dialysis Unit is relocated into the new facility, main works can commence on the \$35 million Western Cancer Centre Dubbo project which will be built on the site of the current Renal Unit.

In parallel with the construction of the Dialysis Unit, works continues on the new Stage 4 three-storey clinical services building that will provide:

- A new Emergency Department and Short Stay Unit;
- A new Medical Imaging Unit;
- A new critical care floor comprising of:
 - Coronary Care/ Stroke Unit
 - Intensive Care Unit
 - Cardiac Catheter Laboratory;
- A new Ambulatory Care Unit; and
- A new front of house entry and drop-off zone.

A carefully staged approach is being taken to deliver the Dubbo Hospital redevelopment to ensure minimal disruption to patient services during the construction process.

Included in Stage 3 and 4 was a new the new 34-bed surgical unit, which opened its doors to patients in March 2018.

Construction on \$150 million Dubbo Hospital Redevelopment Stage 4 is scheduled for completion in 2021.