

Final stage of early and enabling works underway

The next stage of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment started in late 2020.

Work is progressing across the site:

- Construction of the temporary carpark at the front of the Hospital is continuing with earthworks and connections to underground services.
- Construction of the non clinical services building and associated works including the installation of in-ground sewer, water and gas services as well as detailed excavation for concrete footings and slabs. The first concrete slab will be poured in early March.

These works are forecast for completion in early 2022 ahead of main works commencing. The completion of these works ensures the continued operation of the health service while the new hospital is being built.

There will be no disruption to health services during these works. Please observe signage when visiting the campus as there may be changes to building and access points in some parts of the hospital grounds.



Pictured (top): an aerial view of the non-clinical services building site (below) installation of services is well underway



Watch a short video explaining the early and enabling works here: mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev



Clinical Services building: detailed design

In addition to the early and enabling works now underway, the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment is moving forward with the design development for the new clinical services building through the established Project User Groups.

The design complements the unique Griffith Base Hospital site and the healthcare needs of local consumers; respecting the 1914 Walter Burley Griffin town-planning legacy, connecting key city sites along an axial link.

The next step for the redevelopment is the lodgement of the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. The SSDA will be on exhibition in the coming months for 28 days with the community invited to have a further say on this project.



Project look ahead: 2021



Early & Enabling works:

- Construction of temporary car park
- Construction of the non clinical support building and the temporary enclosed walkway to link the building to the existing hospital
- Construction of the temporary Paediatric Unit adjacent to the Maternity Unit
- Demolition of redundant buildings to clear the site for construction of the clinical services building

Main Works:

- Design and planning approvals for the clinical services building
- Lodgement of State Significant Development Application
- Tender for construction of the clinical services building

Meet the Site Manager: Greg Aird



Hutchison Builders was awarded the contract last year to undertake the final phase of early and enabling works. Experienced Site Manager Greg Aird was happy to introduce himself to the community.

“I’m Hutchison Builder’s (Hutchie’s) Site Manager for the early and enabling works. I am of Aboriginal heritage from the eastern Yugambah mob, a salt water man. Although my home is in Coolangatta, QLD, my wife Lisa and I moved to Griffith in December 2020, and we look forward to getting to know the community over the next year while I’m managing this project.

“Site Managers look after the day-to-day running of the site with safety being the number one priority. Some of the responsibilities include works programming, sub-contractor management, quality management and working with certifiers to ensure buildings are fire compliant.

“I’ve worked in construction my entire career with a focus on commercial, education and health projects. The Hutchie’s team recently completed the Cobar Health Service and Murrurundi Multipurpose Service, and I was Site Manager on both projects.

“It’s important to Hutchies, and me, to contribute to the community. In Cobar we donated a swim lap clock to the local pool, built a 100m concrete path to replace a dirt track at the High School and gave students an opportunity to be involved, as well as running BBQs to raise money for local initiatives. We look forward to working with the Griffith community.

“Running is something I really enjoy and I’m keen to join a local running group. On the weekends you might run into Lisa and I enjoying the food and wine of Griffith and getting out and about exploring the surrounding communities.”