

Construction to start on final stage of early works

Residents can look forward to the next stage of construction of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment by the end of the year with the announcement that the construction contract for the final early works package has been awarded to Hutchinson Builders.

The community will start to see the site being established in preparation for work starting. It's an exciting time for the Hospital and particularly for staff and departments who will be involved in this next phase of the project. The early works will allow the continued operation of the health service while the new hospital is being built.

The company awarded the contract, Hutchinson Builders have recently completed the new Mudgee Hospital and Cobar Health Service, and are currently delivering the Murrurundi Health Service.

This final early works package is forecast for completion in early 2022 ahead of main works commencing. There will be no disruption to health services during these works but the community is advised that there may be changes to building and site access in some parts of the hospital grounds.

Visit the redevelopment website to watch a short video explaining the early and enabling works here: mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev

The final early and enabling works include:

- construction of a new non-clinical services building housing the support services that will support the operation of the new main clinical building
- temporary relocation of the Paediatric Unit in preparation for the establishment of the main works construction zone
- construction of a temporary carpark
- demolition of redundant buildings within the main works construction zone.



Community catch up's

The Redevelopment Team continues to consult and brief the local community and organisations about the Redevelopment. Recently we've met with the Multicultural Council of Griffith (pictured, left), Griffith City Council and Member for Murray, with Zoom providing the technology for people in many different locations to participate.

Developed design released for clinical services building

The developed design for the new clinical services building to be constructed as part of the \$250M Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment has been released this month.

Staff and community feedback received during the consultation period held in mid 2020 had highlighted the opportunity to further enhance the design as part of the design development process. This has ensured it complements the unique Griffith Base Hospital site and the healthcare needs of local consumers.

The developed design includes a number of key benefits:

- increasing the amount of natural light in the building and access to the landscape and district views;
- the scale of the building has been adjusted from the schematic design to make it more open and welcoming and to improve the integration of the building within the site, while retaining the same floor space for all departments;
- improved wayfinding, circulation and workflow.

Consultation is continuing with staff and clinicians to further develop the design of each department located in the Clinical Services building.

The next major milestone for the redevelopment is the submission of the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The SSDA will be exhibited for 28 days with the community invited to have a further say on this project.



Above: An artists impression of the clinical services building

Aboriginal archaeology discovery update

An application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) was submitted to Heritage NSW requesting further archaeological excavation to salvage additional stone artefacts. This follows the discovery of stone Aboriginal artefacts during archaeological investigations undertaken as part of the planning process for the next stage of the redevelopment project.

When approval is granted, the excavation will be carried out in accordance with the AHIP. This will be undertaken before further redevelopment works commence in the identified locations. The anticipated timeframe for this work is November 2020.

Read more about the artefacts here: www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev