



## Project completion and building removal

The new \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital will be a bright and welcoming, state-of-the-art facility that conveniently provides all services under one roof. Construction of the new three-storey Clinical Services Building (CSB) is expected to be completed in early 2025.

Once the new hospital opens, work will focus on the removal of redundant former hospital buildings, carpark construction, refurbishment of the Ambulatory Care Hub and landscaping of the health campus. The redevelopment is expected to be completed in 2025.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### When will the new Hospital open?

Construction of the new Hospital is expected to be completed in early 2025. This will be followed by an operational commissioning period before health services are safely transferred from the current hospital to the new facility.

#### What will happen to the old Hospital buildings after services move into the new CSB?

Most of the existing buildings on the campus have reached the end of their useful life. They are not fit-for-purpose and cannot support contemporary models of care and retaining these buildings has never been in the plans of the redevelopment.

To provide the community with appropriate on-site parking and direct access to the new hospital, most buildings need to be demolished as part of the redevelopment.

The Dental Clinic and Clinical Education and Training Centre at Griffith are not included in the scope of the Redevelopment. The Dental Clinic is currently being refurbished.

### **Could the old buildings be repurposed?**

The retention and reuse of older buildings on the site is not funded or included as part of the statutory planning conditions of consent for the redevelopment approved by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

There is no funding available to repurpose any buildings.

### **Would the retention of older buildings, such as the General Ward Building, negatively impact the redevelopment plan?**

Yes. There is no identified purpose or funding for the retention and repurposing of the General Ward Building. All clinical services will be provided in the new three-storey Clinical Services Building.

Retaining the General Ward Building would significantly impact the access and egress arrangements to the new hospital.

The new carparking arrangements at the new hospital have been designed to ensure spaces are available as close as possible to the new Hospital's front entrance. Parking was nominated by the community as a key priority during community consultation and this was prioritised as an important consideration in the redevelopment planning phase.

### **What carparking will be provided at the completion of the redevelopment?**

The community will benefit from expanded and accessible onsite car parking including dedicated drop off zones at the front of the new hospital.

### **How are staff accommodated when they relocate to Griffith?**

There are a range of accommodation options available in the community to support staff from all health services within the district. The MLHD takes into account their individual preferences and needs, such as accommodating family or pets.

The NSW Government has committed an additional \$200.1 million to increase key health worker

accommodation across rural and regional areas of the state as part of the 2024-25 NSW Budget.

### **Are mental health beds included in the new Hospital?**

Most people experiencing mental health concerns are best cared for in the community, where they can maintain community and family connections. The new Hospital includes four new mental health inpatient beds to care for people with low complexity mental health conditions who require a short stay admission. More complex conditions will continue to receive care by a specialist team at the Specialist Mental Health Inpatient Unit in Wagga Wagga.

### **Is a palliative care service included in the new Hospital?**

The new Hospital will feature three dedicated palliative care rooms within the medical inpatient unit to provide end of life care for patients. Patient and visitor lounges will be provided in each of the inpatient units.

### **Is accommodation available for family and relatives at Griffith Base Hospital?**

Yes. Griffith Base Hospital has four recently refurbished hotel-style units on-site, that are available for relatives and family.

### **What services are available for alcohol and other drug withdrawal?**

Most drug and alcohol withdrawal occurs safely in the community setting, and services are provided for admitted patients at Griffith Base Hospital. Support is provided by clinicians from the specialist community drug and alcohol service in Griffith. Residential rehabilitation provides privacy for consumers requiring alcohol and other drug withdrawal treatment and is available in Wagga Wagga for public patients.

**We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.**

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