

Celebrating local creative talent

The art strategy developed for the new Hospital features multiple initiatives which reflect the diversity of Griffith and the surrounding communities. Integrating arts in the new facility by showcasing local creative talent creates a welcoming hospital with a strong local identity. Art includes:

Emergency department entry – Aboriginal artist Carolyn Williams work creates a vibrant, welcoming, and culturally safe environment for all for patients, visitors and staff.

Welcome sculpture – An external work by artist Carla Gottjens inspired by local youth, this will be installed and unveiled towards the end of the project as the main entry and carpark are completed.

Paediatric Unit – With the help of students from Griffith schools, Rachel Viski has created a very special artwork for walls in the paediatric unit which captures the excitement of a child's perspective on a journey to visit loved ones.

Yarning Circle – developed in consultation with the local community, a sound installation embedded in the circle will incorporate Aboriginal culture, music, language and stories.

Alternating exhibitions – walls of the Outpatient Clinics will feature exhibitions curated in partnership with the Griffith Regional Art Gallery.

Multiple locations – The work of eight local photographers features in framed photographs and large murals across the hospital, bringing the colourful, unique local landscape into the building for the enjoyment of patients staff and carers.

Relocation of existing art collection – cherished sculptures, artworks and cultural items will find a new home in the hospital.



Steve Collins, Lawrence Barlow, Vic McEwan (CAD Factory) and Robert Monaghan at a recording session earlier this year.



The old hospital entry

How to access the new hospital when it opens in early 2025

On the move! All health services, except dental, will move into the new hospital building when it opens in early 2025.

The public will continue to use the existing hospital main entry to access the new hospital.

The 24-hour Emergency Department, Renal services, NSW Pathology collections and all services currently provided in the Ambulatory Care Hub will relocate to the new hospital.

Car parking at the front of the hospital will remain the same.

Dental services will remain in the same location, accessible from Warrambool St.

The opening date for the new hospital will be announced in the coming months.

Ambulance and emergency service vehicle entry to the hospital will be via Warrambool St. Read the [factsheet](#).



GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

PROJECT UPDATE - OCTOBER 2024



Spotlight on the new Intensive Care Unit

The new \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital, opening in 2025, will deliver all health services under one roof in a bright and welcoming building designed with numerous features to enhance patient experience and safety.

This includes the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) which will be located on level one. The ICU has been designed in consultation with clinicians and consumers, with the patient experience front and centre of the design.

Significantly larger in floor space, the ICU has been expanded to provide care from six to seven patients in separate, spacious inpatient rooms. This will improve patient experience, dignity and privacy. In the current 1970s-era hospital building, ICU care is delivered in one large ward with privacy screens separating patients.

One dedicated room with ensuite will be available for paediatric care, to ensure compliance with standards of care for children. There is also a Critical Care Overbed Network camera installed in the ICU to facilitate tertiary referral, assessment and support for critical patients.

All patient rooms receive abundant natural light from large windows while floor to ceiling windows at the end of corridors offer views across Griffith and surrounding landscape.



There are seven ICU inpatient rooms

An important aim of the project was to improve support and facilities for families and carers whilst their loved ones are receiving care. A separate wait area immediately outside the ICU for family and carers includes a beverage bay and is adjacent to an interview room which can be used for discussions with the treating team.

As well as a hospital-wide pneumatic tube system and mobile cardiac monitoring units, there will be other new equipment to enhance patient comfort and experience including:

- Pendant arm lifters to support safe, dignified lifting and transfer of patients
- A bariatric bedroom and ensuite
- A negative pressure isolation room to enhance infection control

One of the major changes is the huge increase in space, not only bed spaces and room space but storage spaces which will vastly change and improve the day-to-day management and care staff provide. Other significant improvements for staff, include expanded work spaces such as offices, clinical work room, a large staff station and a staff room.











Designated staff and patient-only corridors and lifts will support the movement of people throughout the hospital and ensure privacy for consumers. The ICU is located in close proximity to the perioperative suite which is accessible via a staff only corridor.

Also located on level one is maternity and birthing, the special care nursery and paediatric inpatient units.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE REDEVELOPMENT:

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The new Griffith Base Hospital will provide:

 An emergency department	 Medical imaging services
 Intensive care unit	 An outpatient care unit for the community to access outpatient health services
 Surgical and operating theatres	 Increased capacity for chemotherapy and improved renal dialysis access
 A day-stay surgical unit	 Paediatric and maternity
 Dedicated surgical, aged care and rehabilitation beds	 Direct clinical linkage with St Vincent's Private Community Hospital

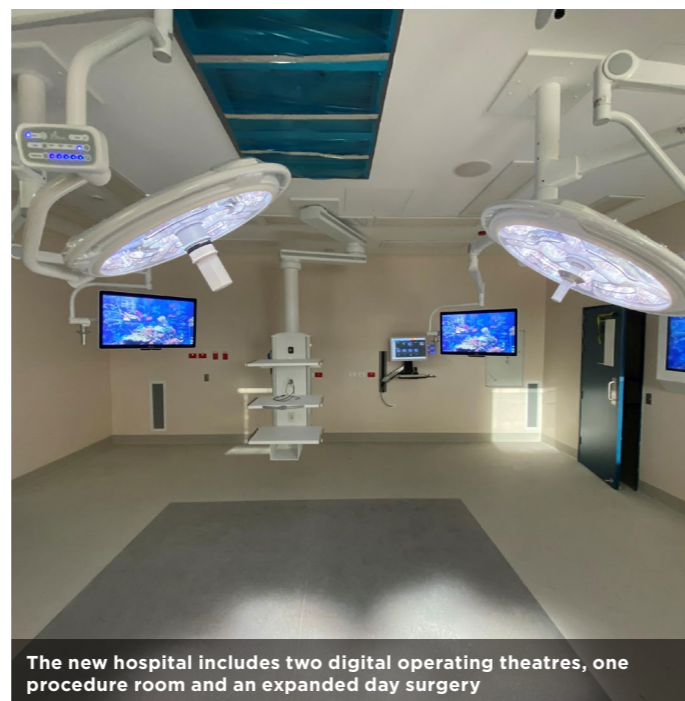
Construction nearing completion and move planning is underway

Construction of the new hospital is on track and 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. Approximately 400 staff currently located in 9 different buildings on the campus will move into the new hospital building.

Planning to relocate health services into the new hospital has been underway for over 18 months to provide a managed approach to preparing staff and the new building for occupation and operation.

Moving into a new building is a significant change. Clinicians, staff, Health Infrastructure and MLHD are working together to open a hospital which is safe and staff are well-prepared to provide patients with high-quality clinical care.

Once the new hospital opens, work will focus on the demolition of redundant buildings and construction of the new main entry forecourt and parking, refurbishment of the Ambulatory Care Hub and extensive landscaping.



The new hospital includes two digital operating theatres, one procedure room and an expanded day surgery

Career boost for Leeton local

ADCO Site Foreman Todd Hansen has been a constant face on the construction site of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment since he commenced working on the project in 2021.

A Leeton local, Todd started as foreman on the early works program for the previous contractor, Hutchinson Builders, completing and commissioning the new Non Clinical Services building and temporary Paediatric Unit.

He joined ADCO in mid-2022 as a site foreman for construction of the Clinical Services Building.

Working with different contractors across multiple stages of the redevelopment provided an invaluable opportunity for Todd to upskill and progress through larger and more complex work programs.

Todd said goodbye to the Griffith team in August to start a role as site foreman with John Holland on an even larger project, the \$438 million Shoalhaven Hospital project, south of Wollongong.

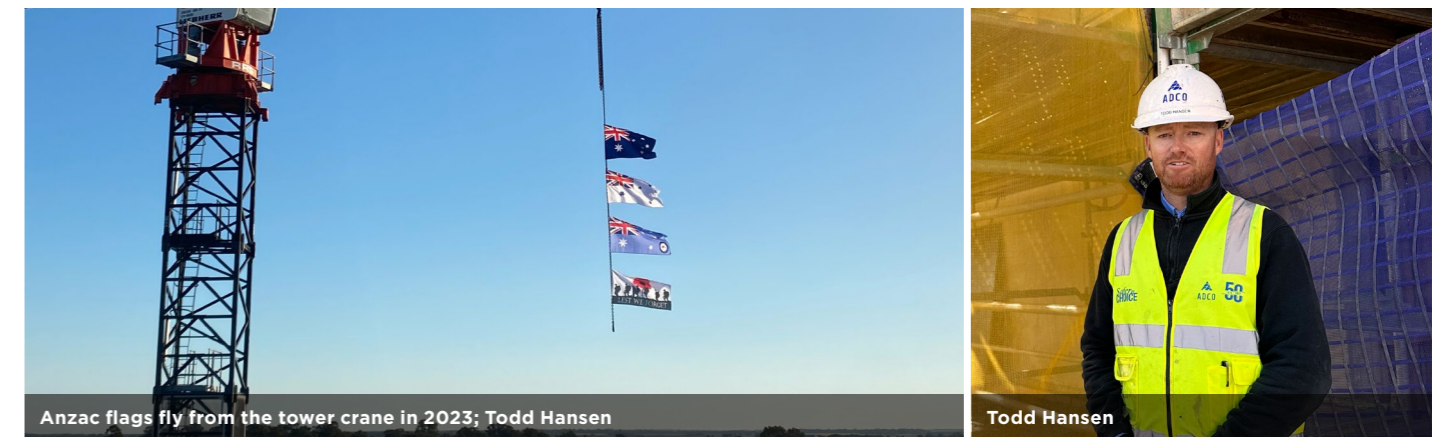
"I've really enjoyed working on the redevelopment over the past 3.5 years and had an incredible opportunity to develop my construction skills and experience

through NSW Health's investment in infrastructure in Griffith.

"A highlight was arranging with the Griffith RSL to fly the ANZAC flags on the tower crane last year, that was personally very significant for me.

"Whilst it is not easy to make a decision to leave a great team and project, I'm looking forward to new challenges and the opportunity to further develop my career.

"My wife and six children are excited about the move to the coast and a new lifestyle, maybe even Nippers for the kids," Todd said.



Anzac flags fly from the tower crane in 2023; Todd Hansen

Todd Hansen

Look ahead

Early 2025

Mid - late 2025



Operational Commissioning

A 6-week period to ready the new hospital before it opens to patients and staff. This is to make sure the new health facility is safe and ready for patients, consumers, staff and visitors.



Move into new hospital

Furniture, equipment, staff and patients transfer to new building.



New hospital open

The opening date will be announced in the coming months.



Refurbishment of Ambulatory Care Hub

The Hub will accommodate community health and aged care services.



Finishing Works

The final phase of the redevelopment includes removal of redundant buildings, construction of the new main entry forecourt and parking, and extensive landscaping.