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## LOCAL STUDENT NAMES THE CRANE AT GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL

A local primary school student has officially named the tower crane installed to support the construction of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment.

St Patrick's Primary School student, Celina Piva was announced winner of the 'name the crane' competition for her creative entry 'Hope'.

Griffith Base Hospital General Manager Joanne Garlick said the competition attracted strong interest with 175 entries and provided an opportunity to connect with Western Riverina students and schools during construction of the new hospital.

"Our hospitals are important pieces of community infrastructure, and it's great to see our regions youngest residents involved in this project while it's being built," Ms Garlick said.

"When it opens its doors in 2025, the redeveloped Griffith Base Hospital will not only improve access to new and expanded health services for the local community, but also provide employment and training opportunities for our current and future health workforce," she said.

"I'm delighted for Celina's school, which will receive a \$1000 voucher to purchase resources, and I'm hopeful that being part of the project will encourage some of our local students to think about a future career in health."

Senior Project Manager from ADCO, Josh Innes said a specially created flag will be attached to the crane for all the community to see."

"Our tower crane, installed in July 2022, plays a vital role in the building process; and it is fantastic to have such a personalised name as the crane supports the hospital construction.

"We hope that the competition has inspired a new generation of young engineers," he said.

Construction of the new hospital is set to be completed in 2025 before services are transferred over from the current hospital and the new facility is operational.

Health services will continue without interruption during construction of the new Clinical Services Building.

News and updates on the progress of the new hospital are also available on the project's website <https://gbhredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au/>

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