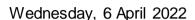


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FIRST SOD TURNED ON \$250 MILLION GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Deputy Premier Paul Toole, Minister for Regional Health and Mental Health Bronnie Taylor and Duty MLC for Murray Wes Fang have today turned the first sod on the new Clinical Services Building; the centrepiece of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment.

Deputy Premier Toole said the hospital redevelopment, due for completion in 2025, will deliver Griffith and the surrounding communities with state-of-the art health facilities and enhanced health services closer to home.

"The NSW Government is rolling out record investment for new and upgraded regional and rural health facilities to ensure our regional communities have access to the health care and infrastructure they need and deserve," Mr Toole said.

"The new three-storey Clinical Services Building will boast an emergency department, maternity and paediatric services, as well as a new rehabilitation and aged care inpatient unit."

Minister Taylor said the Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment was the largest health infrastructure project investment currently taking place in the district and would provide enhanced healthcare for Griffith now and into the future.

"Once this redevelopment is complete, all major health services at the Griffith Base Hospital will be housed under one roof, in the new, purpose-built three storey Clinical Services Building designed to support contemporary models of care," Mrs Taylor said.

"The new building has also been designed to improve patient experiences and outcomes, and expand access to outpatient services including renal dialysis and oncology.

"It will also include a dedicated short-stay mental health unit for people aged 16 years and over, with four beds specifically developed for adolescents and young people."

Mr Fang said today's turning of the first sod on the new Clinical Services Building marks an exciting milestone for our community.

"This is a landmark project for the local region which will provide the community with improved access to expanded health services, and means people will spend less time travelling for specialist care," Mr Fang said.

The state-of-the-art Clinical Services Building will include:

- an improved emergency department;
- significant increase in specialist geriatric and rehabilitation beds;
- new operating theatres;
- surgical, and medical inpatient units, including four beds to support patients experiencing mental illness
- maternity, medical imaging and paediatrics; and
- expanded outpatient services with more specialist clinics, renal and oncology services

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

Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment is part of the NSW Government's record \$10.8 billion investment in health infrastructure over four years to 2024-25, with nearly a third of the capital allocation in this financial year going towards regional and rural health facilities.

Along with Griffith, the NSW Government has invested in major health infrastructure projects in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District including the:

- completed \$431 million redevelopment of Wagga Wagga Base Hospital;
- \$30 million multi-storey car park at the Wagga Wagga hospital site;
- \$50 million Tumut Hospital redevelopment; and
- New Tumut Ambulance Station, as part of the \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration program.
- \$80 million investment in Temora Hospital and \$25 million investment in Finley Hospital, recently announced in November 2021.

For news and updates on the progress of the Redevelopment, please visit: https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/griffith-base-hospital-redevelopment

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