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NEW BUILDING AT GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL SET TO OPEN

An important milestone in the early works phase of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment will be marked on 25 May when the new Ambulatory Care Hub opens its doors to the public.

MLHD Chief Executive Jill Ludford said the Ambulatory Care Hub will provide additional oncology services, expanded outpatient specialist clinical spaces, rehabilitation gymnasium, allied health and Hospital in the Home.

"This new building gives the community better access to outpatient services, and provides staff with more opportunities to collaborate under the one roof," she said.

Other works completed this month as part of the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment include:

- an expansion to the Medical Services Building to incorporate additional support areas and storage in the Critical Care Unit and Perioperative areas
- expansions to improve functionality of the Medical and Surgical floors in the Inpatient Unit to the south of the building, including an inpatient rehabilitation gymnasium.

"Most specialist clinics have transferred to the Ambulatory Care Hub. The buildings vacated by those clinics sit within the future redevelopment zone. The obstetrics, gynaecology, pregnancy care, cardiology and paediatric clinics will continue services in the same location in the main hospital building until the completion of the new Clinical Services Building." Ms Ludford said.

The new Ambulatory Care Hub is located off Noorebar Avenue, and car parking is available in front of the building.

The Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment is progressing in two streams: the continuation of enabling works; and the progression of the design for the new clinical services building.

The new Griffith Base Hospital is forecast to be completed by 2024.

Find more information on the project website and How to Build A Hospital here.

For further information on the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment, including images, please contact MLHD Public Affairs at <u>MLHD-News@health.nsw.gov.au</u> or 0436 911 753.

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