

## On track for the next phase of construction

The hospital redevelopment is progressing, with planning for the next stage of works now complete. Construction is set to get underway later in the year. The next phase of works will prepare the site for the construction of the future hospital and includes four parts:

1. Construction of a new non-clinical services building housing the kitchen, linen, loading dock and other vital services with the capacity to service the new hospital building.
2. The temporary relocation of the paediatric ward to free up the site for the future hospital and maintain this service in close proximity to the maternity unit.
3. Demolition of redundant buildings which sit within the future redevelopment zone to make the site ready for the new hospital.
4. Construction of a temporary carpark to provide additional capacity throughout the redevelopment.



*Above: an early artists impression of the new non-clinical services building viewed from the Warrambool St entrance. The building will house the kitchen, loading dock, maintenance and other important services to support the hospital.*

Planning for the upcoming construction has ensured that health services continue to operate as normal.



### Solar-powered Hospital

A 99 kw rooftop photovoltaic solar system was installed on the roof of the Ambulatory Care Hub in July. The newly completed Hub houses Oncology, Hospital in the Home, Allied Health and the majority of the specialist clinics.

Solar panels will assist energy-efficiency and reduce electricity costs.

These new panels will further supplement the extensive solar power already installed on the Hospital's main building.

## Results of Aboriginal archaeology study released

An archaeological report has confirmed the discovery of Aboriginal stone artefacts on the hospital campus.

Measuring around three centimetres in size, the artefacts are described as bipolar flakes - a very specific flaking technique used to make stone tools from very small pebbles. Most of the artefacts were found in gravel – most likely brought onto the site for landscaping in previous years.

The stone artefacts were found in May during archaeological investigations undertaken as part of the planning process for the next stage of the redevelopment project.

As recommended in the report, an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is being prepared for submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment requesting further archaeological excavation to salvage additional artefacts. This will be carried out before further construction works commence in identified locations and in accordance with the AHIP.

This is a very important discovery for the Aboriginal community and the history of Griffith. The report also recommends that an interpretation strategy be developed to explain the significance of the archaeological discovery as it relates to the Aboriginal history of the Griffith region.

The progress of the hospital development remains on track. Read more about the artefacts here: [www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/GBHRedev)



## Are you creative, innovative and interested in the arts?

Creating a beautiful hospital environment is important to provide welcoming and comforting spaces for patients, carers, staff and the community.

Expressions of interest are invited for two volunteer community representatives to join the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment Arts Working Group (AWG). Community members from non-English speaking backgrounds and the Aboriginal community are encouraged to apply.

Representatives of the AWG will provide advice to enable arts in health settings; identify possible funding or partnerships for projects, and share and discuss arts in health strategies to ensure opportunities respond to the interests and culture of our hospital community.

If you're interested check the website for more information and the nomination form.

**Nominations close 31 August.**

