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## **ARTISTS ANNOUNCED FOR GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT**

Local artists have been selected to create artworks which will be featured in the new \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital, celebrating the region's diverse multicultural and Aboriginal community.

NSW Health Infrastructure Executive Director, Rural and Regional, Amanda Bock said when completed, the works will be displayed in prominent arrival areas of the Emergency Department and the community courtyard located near the main entrance, creating a welcoming atmosphere for patients, visitors and staff.

"We're thrilled to announce the artists who have been selected to create artworks which will not only showcase our local talent but will give the new hospital a unique and distinctive identity," Ms Bock said.

Aboriginal artist Elijah Ingram, a proud Wiradjuri man, and multicultural Riverina based artist Gregory Carosi, will collaborate to create a colourful artwork within the Emergency Department arrival area.

"This artwork which will combine the rich legacies of Aboriginal people and the influence of multicultural communities that make Griffith unique. It will create a vibrant, welcoming, and culturally safe environment for all for patients, visitors and staff," Ms Bock said.

Ms Bock said Griffith based Aboriginal artist Carolyn Williams, has been selected for a second major public art commission, to be located on glass window panels between the community courtyard and community lounge at the front of the hospital.

"The artwork will help provide privacy, beauty and share cultural knowledge for visitors within a new lounge area, providing a calm space they can use while family or friends are receiving treatment and care.

"It's wonderful to honour Carolyn's connection to this region by awarding her this important commission," Ms Bock said.

Health Infrastructure Arts Program Director Brigette Uren said the artists were selected by the project's Arts Working Group. This group comprises representatives from the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, Griffith Regional Art Gallery, the local community, and Health Infrastructure in consultation with the Griffith Aboriginal Community Working Party and the Multicultural Council of Griffith. Their appointment follows strong engagement in planning stages led by Narrandera-based creative team the CAD Factory.

"The arts and culture program for the new \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital aims to cultivate and support a positive lasting cultural legacy for the community and creates a significant opportunity to celebrate the creative talent of the region," Ms Uren said.

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The third commission, for an external sculpture in the hospital's forecourt, has progressed to concept design stage and the successful artist will be announced in the coming months.

Health Infrastructure's Arts in Health Program is being delivered as part of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment, in partnership with Murrumbidgee Local Health District, artists, and communities.

Construction is continuing for the redevelopment which is scheduled for completion in 2025. It will provide Griffith and the surrounding communities with state-of-the-art health facilities and enhanced health services closer to home.

For more information about the Griffith Hospital redevelopment visit <https://gbhdevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au>

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