

Building façade nearing completion

The colourful façade of the new Clinical Services Building, designed to complement and enhance Griffith's natural surroundings, is the newest addition to the Griffith skyline. The variety of facade colours represent the colours of country and take inspiration from the environment and the rich tapestry of vineyards, orchards and crops which are edged by a vast expanse of red earth.

Designed to meet current sustainability standards, the architects have considered the building's orientation, window to wall ratios, external shading and insulation to reduce reliance on heating and cooling systems and energy consumption. Solar panels will be installed on the roof.

Construction of the new hospital is on track and expected to be completed in early 2025. This will be followed by a commissioning period before services are transferred from the current hospital and the new facility is operational.

Once the new hospital opens, work will focus on the demolition of redundant buildings, refurbishment of the Ambulatory Care Hub to accommodate community-based services, and extensive landscaping of the health campus.



Exhibition of community photography competition entries

An exhibition of the 53 entries submitted in the Redevelopment Photography Competition has been installed at the hospital for consumers, visitors, carers and staff to enjoy. The entries celebrate the Western Riverina landscape and feature themes of agriculture, nature, wildlife and waterways.

Last year the Redevelopment's Arts Working Group selected 11 winning artworks from the entries, which will be featured in the new hospital. The photography competition was open to people working and living in the Western Riverina from LGAs in the catchment of Griffith Base Hospital.



Joanne Garlick, Kate Roberts and Kate McGreal in front of the community photography exhibition



Gregory Carosi, Councillor Manjit Singh Lally and Elijah Ingram

Community contribute to artwork concept

Artists Elijah Ingram and Gregory Carosi are collaborating to create two colourful artworks to be displayed in the Emergency Department arrival area of the new hospital. In February, the artists held drop-in sessions, and met with community members keen to contribute their thoughts and share their stories to inform the development of the artwork. We can't wait to see the finished work!

District hospital building plans discovered

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has a large collection of coloured, hand-drawn architectural drawings and plans relating to the history of hospital developments in Griffith, Hay, Hillston, Holbrook, Leeton and Narrandera between 1926 and 1978.

The large collection was stored for many years at Griffith Base Hospital and were recovered before the demolition of non-clinical services buildings as part of the staged Hospital redevelopment.

The collection has been professionally digitised to ensure preservation and distributed to the relevant hospitals and their local community libraries. The original plans have been archived as a collection at the NSW State Archives and Records Authority of New South Wales.



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