

Construction moving ahead



Construction of the structure is progressing with more concrete floor slabs poured every month. There are approximately 100 workers on site contributing to construction every day.

Internal rough in and fit out of parts of the building continues, including medical imaging, emergency department, ICU and perioperative suite. The new Hospital remains on track for completion in 2025.

Pictured (above): ADCO's Mark Robinson, MLHD Change Manager Michelle Cottrell-Smith and Arts Coordinator Kate McGreal with Project Manager Christian Weitz on the hospital roof; (below) a view towards the front main entry and Emergency Department entry of the Hospital



Transforming the patient, carer and visitor experience

When it opens in 2025 all services currently provided to the community will remain operational from the new Hospital. There will be significant improvements and benefits for staff, patients, carers and visitors including:

- * Improved Emergency Department (ED) with separate entry;
- * A new Aged Care and Rehabilitation inpatient unit with a rehabilitation gymnasium;
- * Surgical, and medical inpatient units, including four beds to support patients requiring short-stay, low acuity mental health support;
- * Maternity, and paediatric units;
- * Patient and visitor lounges, and beverage bays, located in all units;
- * Three palliative care rooms, a family lounge and outdoor terrace in the inpatient unit;
- * Capacity to cater for growing demand in the community for services such as renal dialysis and Cancer Care services. These services as well as outpatient specialist clinics and rehabilitation will be co-located on the ground floor to improve accessibility for consumers
- * Boosting the capacity of the Perioperative Suite with the addition of a dedicated procedure room to complement the two state-of-the-art operating theatres and co-location of Day Only surgery;
- * Expanded medical imaging department with new CT and SPECT-CT service;



*Above: (top) artist impression of the central courtyard;
(below) Main Entry forecourt*

- * Amenities include a new Café and the continuation of the Hospital Auxiliary's Kiosk;
- * Separate patient/staff and public lifts and corridors to support safety, and patient privacy and dignity;
- * Internal and external courtyards for staff, patient and visitor access to outdoor spaces;
- * A mix of single & double inpatient rooms with ensuites. All rooms have a window;
- * Expanded onsite car parking including accessible parking and dedicated drop off zones.



Watch a video fly through of the new Hospital: <https://youtu.be/-CGOHvF4pHY>

Read more about the new Hospital and services: <https://shorturl.at/gjxEQ>

Artists announced for art commissions

The arts and culture program for the new 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. Many initiatives are now taking shape, including the announcement of artists for major art commissions.

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.

Griffith based Aboriginal artist Carolyn Williams, has been selected for an 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.

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 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 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.

Photo Competition

Thank you! There was strong interest in the landscape photo competition which closed in mid-June. An incredible 53 images were submitted. The winners are expected to be announced soon.



Artists selected for art commissions (L to R) : Elijah Ingram, Greg Carosi and Carolyn Williams



Name: Shalmae Lao

Position: Site Engineer

What does your job involve? My job as a site engineer is focused on the ensuring the integrity of the building structure, and this includes things such as quality assurance and checking steel reinforcement before concrete pours.

What do you like about working on this project?

I joined ADCO in May 2022 and was previously working on a windfarm construction project outside Boorowa. I have a degree in Construction Engineering from Bond University. The ADCO team are professional and respectful, and we enjoy the work. As the project progresses I'm also meeting the women who work as sub-contractors on the job.

How do you enjoy living in Griffith? I have moved to live in Griffith for the project, the people are genuine and there is lots to explore. The fresh fruit and vegetables are a highlight and I like the peaceful and quiet surroundings.



Meet the ADCO Project Team

This year we introduce you to members of the ADCO Team who are working hard to build the new Hospital.

Name: John Allen

Fun fact: John was born at Griffith Base Hospital and his mother worked as a nurse at the Hospital

Position: Construction Worker

What does your job involve? Every day is different and brings new challenges. Some days I'm driving a forklift, others I may be moving deliveries around the site with the telehandler. There is unloading trucks and tidying up the site. I've done this work for about 27 years and really enjoy the job and my role in building the new Hospital.

What do you like about working on this project?

I've worked on the site for about one year now, it's a great opportunity for me. ADCO are a progressive company to work for, and they look after the team. The team has grown, and working with a diverse variety of people is a part of the job I enjoy.

What is your connection to Griffith? I was born at the Hospital and grew up in Griffith. I moved back here about six years ago after living in Victoria for many years. My mother, Barbara Allen, started her nursing career at the Hospital in 1956. She moved around, working in other locations, but the majority of her nursing was at Griffith.