

Services fitout gets underway

Progress is being made across the building from the lower ground floor to the roof this month, with approximately 80 workers on site. Concreters, formworkers, roofers, electricians, plasterers, crane operators, fire sprinkler, air conditioning and facade installers are all contributing to building construction. Highlights include:

- Emergency Department roof is complete and high level fitout of building services has started
- Window installation
- Completion of the building's lower ground floor concrete floor slab
- Concrete pours of the second floor slab for the Surgical Inpatient Unit

Check out a short timelapse video of construction, capturing the action since works began in April 2022: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACra99lu5Ec>



Pictured (above, left): roof plumber Melissa Wisbey; (right) Minister Ryan Park with the Project Team during a visit to the construction site in April; (bottom) a bird's eye view of the site

Building connections through Arts in Health

After 18 months of strategy development and consultation, the Redevelopment's Arts in Health program has reached an exciting point with many initiatives now taking shape. The Arts in Health program aims to create a welcoming health service with strong local connections.

Integrating arts as part of the hospital operations will provide moments of unexpected, positive distraction and support the patient experience.

The program is led by the Redevelopment's Arts Working Group which includes community representatives.

Here's some of the initiatives currently underway:

- The announcement of successful artist applications for three artwork commissions is expected in May. These commissions involve stakeholder consultation to ensure the works are representative of Griffith's culturally diverse community
- The launch of a photographic competition, for images to display in the new Hospital
- Cataloguing of the cultural and art items in the existing hospital and identification of the significant artworks, photographs and plaques which will be cared for and transferred to the new hospital
- A social history timeline of the health service in Griffith is being developed in consultation with community

It's an exciting time and we will continue to bring you updates about these, and more initiatives.



**LANDSCAPE
PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION 2023**

Professional and amateur local photographers are invited to enter images of the local landscape and natural environment to a photographic competition for the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment.

COMPETITION CLOSURES: 28 MAY 2023

For more details visit
www.gbhrefdevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au



Boost to patient imaging

A new CT scanner and SPECT-CT scanner were installed this year and are now fully operational as part of the hospital's Medical Imaging service. The addition of two new scanners was made possible as part of the Redevelopment funding.

The new CT (pictured, left) replaces the existing scanner. Both scanners feature the latest technology and imaging capability.

Both CTs will be transferred to the new hospital upon completion.



ADCO lend a hand to CareVan



As well as being hard at work building the new Clinical Services Building, our construction partner ADCO Constructions are contributing to the Griffith community through their support of CareVan.

In March each year ADCO teams across NSW contribute to their local community by assisting a local organisation in need. In Griffith, ADCO team members were joined by sub-contractors UTech Electrical, BuildUp and Quick Plumbing to complete minor works at the Griffith Community Centre. This included improving the kitchen and storage areas, painting and the installation of a time-saving ZIP tap.

In January, ADCO donated a local business voucher to assist with the purchase of kitchen items on the volunteer's wish list. These items and the improvements will make food preparation easier for CareVan's dedicated volunteers.

Thank you ADCO for contributing your skills, time and energy to make a difference to volunteer services in Griffith.



Name: Gemma Irvin

Fun fact: Gemma, and her children, were all born at Griffith Base Hospital

What does your job involve? I'm the Administration Support Assistant, which involves project administration, document control and compliance. I started working for ADCO in October 2022.

Have you worked in the construction industry before? Previously I worked in our family farming business at Benerambah, southwest from Griffith and prior to that I worked in accounting and financial compliance. I'm new to the construction industry and it's a good challenge and change.

What do you like about working on this project? Working on the Hospital construction is a great opportunity to contribute to a big and worthwhile project for the community. I'm enjoying working with the team who are friendly, as well as gaining new skills and experience.

What I like about Griffith? I'm a local, and I really appreciate the friendly people who know each other, the good food and wine, employment opportunities and sport in abundance.

Meet the ADCO Project Team

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

This month, meet Eliza Blight and Gemma Irvin.

Name: Eliza Blight

What does your job involve? I'm the Project Engineer coordinating the building façade. A building facade includes external glazing, cladding and louvres to name a few. Part of my job is to be the interface between the sub-contractors and consultants, to make sure people have the right information, the sub-contractor can get the materials they need, and the designs and measurements are approved.

Where are you from? I grew up in Griffith before heading to Melbourne to complete high school. At University, I studied a Bachelor of Environments majoring in Construction and also completed a Masters of Construction Management. I worked for several years in commercial construction in Melbourne and moved back to Griffith for this job. My partner, who is from Hay, also moved across to Griffith to work on the project as a Site Supervisor.

What do you like about working on this project? I like the friendly ADCO team and the dynamic working environment. This is a once in a lifetime chance to work on a large-scale commercial construction project in my hometown. Health projects are an opportunity to develop new skills, which are very different to the city high rises. I'm very happy to be working on this project!