

GRIFFITHBASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Frequently Asked Questions - August 2023

Clinical Services Building and finishing works

The NSW Government is investing \$250 million in the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment to deliver high quality, contemporary and accessible care close to home which meet the current and future demands for health services in Griffith and surrounding communities.

The project includes the construction of a new multi-storey Clinical Services Building, demolition of redundant buildings, extensive landscaping, new carparking and conversion of the Ambulatory Care Hub into Community Health.

What hospital services and staff will be located in the new Clinical Services Building?

For the first time, clinical services will be located under one roof in a building designed to support contemporary models of care. The building and landscape plan take advantage of the site's orientation to bring natural light into the hospital and provide views of the surrounding landscape.

The 3-storey building features;

- Lower Ground Floor Administration, medical records and pathology
- Ground floor Main entrance, emergency, medical imaging, pharmacy, renal, oncology (cancer care), Hospital in the Home, clinics and outpatient rehabilitation gym. There will also be a cafe and Hospital Auxiliary kiosk.

- First floor Operating theatres, intensive care, maternity, special care nursery and paediatric inpatient units
- Second floor Aged care and rehabilitation, surgical, and medical inpatients units.

Other key features include:

- Direct clinical linkage with St Vincent's Private Community Hospital (SVPCH) to promote sharing of services.
- Dedicated access and entry for emergency vehicles and deliveries.
- Co-location of non-clinical support services including stores, asset management workshop, body hold, kitchen, IT and waste disposal in the recently completed Non Clinical Services Building.
- Community-based services will be co-located within the Ambulatory Care Hub



Will hospital services remain operational during construction?

Yes. All health services will remain operational throughout construction. During the construction period, there may be changes to how people access the campus and health facilities. Services will be transferred to the new building after construction is completed and operational commissioning undertaken.

Are any new services included as part of the redevelopment?

Yes, the Aged Care and Rehabilitation inpatient unit is a new service being developed and introduced as part of the Redevelopment.

Other enhancements include:

- Three palliative care rooms, a family lounge and outdoor terrace in the inpatient unit
- An expanded ICU unit
- Negative pressure isolation rooms in each Inpatient Unit
- An expanded Emergency Department
- Expanded Post Anaesthesia Care Unit (Recovery) and expanded Day Surgery co-located within Perioperative Suite
- Expanded medical imaging department with new CT and Nuclear Medicine service.
- Patient and visitor lounges, and beverage bays, are located in all units throughout the hospital.

Will there be a change in bed numbers and services?

All current services provided at Griffith Base Hospital will be maintained.

A mix of single & double inpatient rooms with ensuites and all rooms have a window.

The new hospital will deliver an increase in bed numbers to meet contemporary models of care, with additional beds to be located in the new Aged Care and Rehabilitation inpatient unit.

Contemporary health service design enables flexible use of beds in all clinical areas. This means that inpatient units can be used flexibly if a department needs more beds at any given time.

Designated staff and patient/visitor corridors and lifts will support the movement of people throughout the hospital and ensure privacy for consumers.

Outdoor and landscaped spaces available for staff and patient/visitor use include a community courtyard, designed in consultation with the Aboriginal community; terraces for Aged Care and Rehabilitation Unit, Paediatric and Inpatient Medical Unit; landscaped outlook for renal patients and seating areas and walking path around the grounds.

There will be a separate Emergency Department entrance.

In addition, there is capacity to cater for growing demand in the community for services such as renal dialysis and oncology services. These services as well as outpatient clinics and rehabilitation will be co-located to improve accessibility for consumers



How to build a hospital

There are three distinct phases:

Each development is tailored to a community's unique needs.

The new Griffith Base Hospital is in the delivery phase.

Visit the Health Infrastructure website for more information:

www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/our-business/how-to-build-a-hospital

The capacity of the Perioperative Suite will be boosted with the addition of a dedicated procedure room to compliment the two operating theatres.

What mental health services will be provided in the new Hospital?

The Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment includes a model of care for people admitted with low complexity mental health needs who would benefit from a brief admission to Hospital for the purpose of respite or support during a situational crisis.

The new beds will complement the Griffith Community Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Service, which currently provides specialist mental health care for adults and adolescents that is close to home, accessible, personalised, evidence-based and recovery-focused.

What will happen to the old Hospital buildings after completion and the relocation of services to the new building?

The existing buildings on the campus have reached the end of their useful life and no longer meet contemporary models in healthcare service. The redevelopment team is focused on providing the community with a modern hospital, therefore the majority of buildings will be demolished as part of the redevelopment, creating a fresh new look to the campus. New car parking and landscaping of the health campus will be the final stage of the redevelopment.

The Dental Clinic and Clinical Education and Training Centre will remain operational throughout and are not included in the scope of the Redevelopment.

Is a helipad included in the redevelopment?

A helipad is not part of the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment. All patient air transfers occur from Griffith Airport, which is five kilometres from the hospital. The majority of transfers out of Griffith Base Hospital to larger, tertiary facilities are by fixed wing aircraft that depart from the airport.

Will there be car parking for staff and the public?

Yes, expanded and accessible onsite car parking including dedicated drop off zones at the front of the hospital is included in the planning for the redeveloped Hospital campus. A temporary car park was completed during the early and enabling works in 2021 to ensure current car parking numbers are maintained during the construction phase.

Who will deliver the project?

Health Infrastructure and the Murrumbidgee Local Health District will work closely with the building contractor, ADCO, to deliver the new Clinical Services Building and associated works.

What is the timeline for completion?

The hospital redevelopment is due for completion in 2025.

The new Griffith Base Hospital will provide:



An emergency department



Intensive care unit



Surgical and operating theatres



A day-stay surgical unit



Dedicated surgical, aged care and rehabilitation beds



Medical imaging services



An outpatient care unit for the community to access outpatient health services



Increased capacity for chemotherapy and improved renal dialysis access

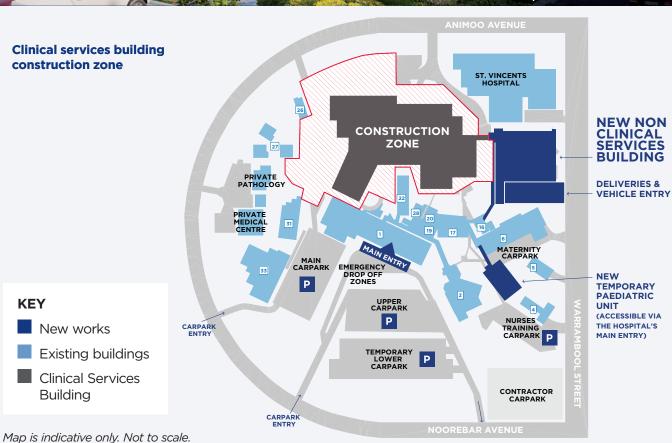


Paediatric and maternity



Direct clinical linkage with St Vincent's Private Community Hospital





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