

# Project Update

## Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment

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# Construction nearing completion

The new \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital, opening in 2025, will deliver all health services under one roof in a bright and welcoming building designed with numerous features to enhance patient experience and safety.

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

Planning to relocate health services into the new hospital has been underway for over 18 months and will provide a managed approach to preparing staff and the new building for occupation and operation.

Approximately 400 staff currently located in 9 different buildings on the campus will move into the new hospital

building. Moving into a new building is a significant change. Clinicians, staff, Health Infrastructure and MLHD are working together to open a hospital which is safe and well-prepared to provide patients with quality clinical care.

A Community Open Day will be held prior to opening, more details will be released soon.

Once the new hospital opens, work will focus on the removal of redundant buildings, construction of the new main entry forecourt and parking, refurbishment of the Ambulatory Care Hub and extensive landscaping.





## Minister tours hospital site

In late October, Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park and the Member for Murray Helen Dalton toured the new hospital's state-of-the-art Clinical Services Building, which will provide contemporary, high quality healthcare under the one roof.

**“Griffith and surrounding communities will benefit from a bigger Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit and an additional procedure room in the operating suite at the new Hospital”**

**“An expanded medical imaging department will also deliver improved radiology services with a new CT and nuclear medicine service in purpose built and designed spaces”**

**– NSW Minister for Health, Ryan Park**

The new three storey Clinical Services Building is located behind the existing hospital and when it opens, will be accessible through the existing main entry until the new main entry is completed. Health services are continuing to operate during construction.



## New vision of the project released



### How the hospital campus will change in 2025

Scan the QR code or click the play button to watch the video.



### A timelapse of construction activity from 2022 – 2024

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## New operating theatres to boost surgical service

Two state-of-the-art operating theatres are part of the new Griffith Base Hospital, due for completion in 2025.

Located within the hospital's Perioperative Suite, the operating theatres are equipped with the latest digital technology aimed at enhancing public surgical services in Griffith. The new theatre infrastructure will keep our patients closer to home, by increasing the scope of procedures available at Griffith Base Hospital.

Access to the latest technology has numerous benefits; it will improve patient safety and outcomes, and simplify working processes for the surgeon and surgical team. It means that instead of having patient information and images available on multiple pieces of equipment and paper, all information will be displayed on a single device.

The Perioperative Unit is located on level 1 of the new hospital, and also features:

- a smaller theatre, known as a procedure room
- a dedicated reception and waiting area
- co-located Day Surgery service
- three-stage recovery area.

The new building and location of the perioperative theatre was designed to significantly improve patient flow and experience, according to Peta McIntyre, MLHD Perioperative Network Manager.



The new hospital includes two digital operating theatres, one procedure room and an expanded day surgery

“It will also make work more efficient for the workforce, not to mention encouraging staff to relocate to work here and enjoy all that Griffith has to offer..”

Other significant improvements for staff include expanded work spaces such as offices, clinical work room, large staff stations and a staff room. The operating theatres are located in close proximity to the Intensive Care Unit. Also located on the first floor are the paediatric, maternity and birthing units and special care nursery.

As well as a hospital-wide pneumatic tube system and mobile cardiac monitoring units, other new features which will support patient comfort and experience include designated staff and patient-only corridors and lifts. This will support the movement of people throughout the hospital and ensure privacy for consumers.



## How to access the new hospital when it opens in 2025

On the move! All health services, except dental, will move into the new hospital building when it opens in early 2025.

The public will continue to use the existing hospital main entry to access the new hospital.

The 24-hour Emergency Department, Renal services, NSW Pathology collections and all services currently provided in the Ambulatory Care Hub will relocate to the new hospital.

Car parking at the front of the hospital will remain the same.

Dental services will remain in the same location, accessible from Warrambool St.

The opening date for the new hospital will be announced soon.

Ambulance and emergency service vehicle entry to the hospital will be via Warrambool St.

Existing hospital main entry



## Look ahead

### Early 2025

#### Operational Commissioning

A 6-week period to ready the new hospital before it opens to patients and staff. This is to make sure the new health facility is safe and ready for patients, consumers, staff and visitors.

#### Community Open Day

#### Move into new hospital

Furniture, equipment, staff and patients transfer to new building.

#### New hospital open

The opening date will be announced soon.

### Mid – Late 2025

#### Refurbishment of Ambulatory Care Hub

The Hub will accommodate community health and aged care services.

#### Finishing Works

The final phase of the redevelopment includes removal of redundant buildings, construction of the new main entry forecourt and parking, and extensive landscaping.

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