

# GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Frequently Asked Questions - April 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, and outpatient care including expanded renal, oncology (cancer care), Hospital in the Home, clinics and outpatient rehabilitation gym
- First floor Operating theatres, intensive care, maternity, special care nursery and paediatrics

### 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 Health as a standalone building offering a greater number of health-related services within the precinct.



### 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.

#### Will there be a change in bed numbers and services?

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

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.

In addition, there is capacity to cater for growing demand in the community for services such as renal dialysis and oncology services.

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

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.

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

The Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment includes a model of care for Mental Health Short Stay for people over 16 years 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 is the timeline for completion?

The hospital redevelopment is due for completion in 2025.



### How to build a hospital

There are three distinct phases:

- planning
- design
- delivery

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

# 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.

### When was planning permission granted for construction of the Clinical Services Building?

Health Infrastructure received planning approval for this State Significant Development (SSD) from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in October 2021.

### Will there be car parking for staff and the public?

Yes, expanded onsite car parking 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.



## 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

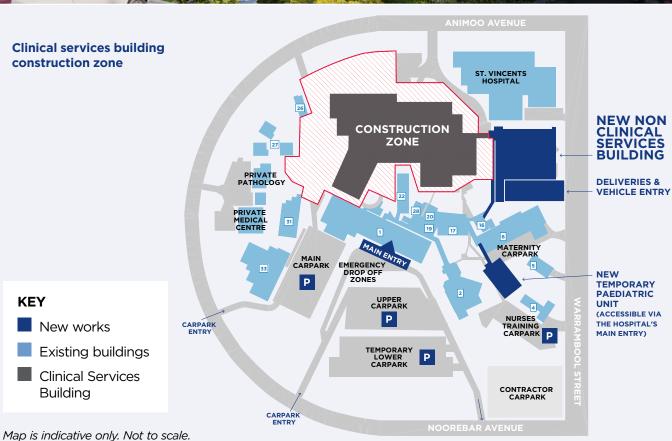


Paediatric and maternity



Direct clinical linkage with St Vincent's Private Community Hospital





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