

Early and enabling works: celebrating building completion



Left: Staff in the kitchen of the new Non Clinical Services Building. Right: Paediatric staff in the new Paediatric Unit

The \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment has reached a major milestone with the completion and opening of the Non-Clinical Services Building and temporary Paediatric Unit.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District Chief Executive, Jill Ludford said the early works milestone marked significant progress on the redevelopment project, which is on track for completion in 2025.

“The contractors, redevelopment project team and health service staff have worked hard to deliver this early works milestone while maintaining the safety and wellbeing of staff, workers and the community during the pandemic,” Ms Ludford said.

The early works phase of the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment includes construction of the 10-bed Paediatric Unit, oxygen tank upgrade works, a 155 space temporary car park and the new support services building.

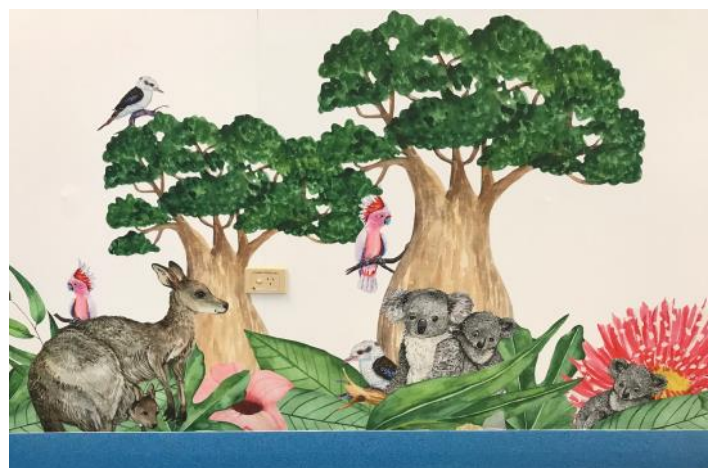
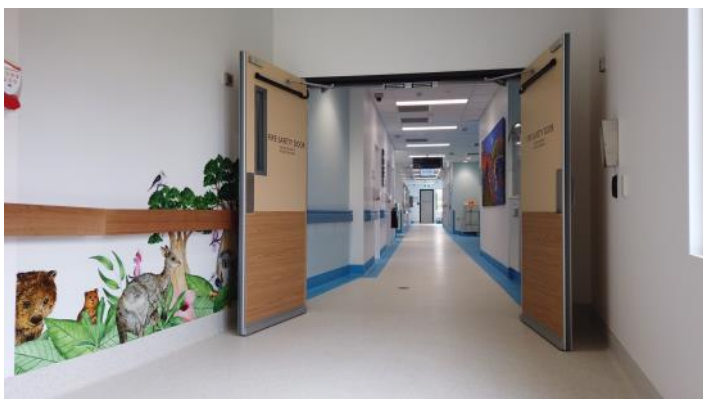
“Health services will continue uninterrupted for the community while the next phases of the redevelopment take place, with vital work to clear the site for construction of the new Clinical Services Building currently underway,” Ms Ludford said.

The Main Works construction contract which includes the Clinical Services Building is expected to be awarded early 2022, with construction expected to start in 2022.

“This fantastic new hospital will provide Griffith and surrounding regions with state-of the art health facilities to support our community’s healthcare needs into the future.”

Paediatric Unit

Staff and patients moved into the new temporary Paediatric Unit on 13 October, 2021. Paediatric inpatients will be cared for in this building until the new clinical services building is complete in 2025. At that time the Paediatric Unit will transfer to the new hospital. The old Children's Ward building will be demolished in 2022, making the site ready for the construction of the new hospital.



Above: Highlights of the new temporary Paediatric Unit and staff settling in after move day

Non Clinical Services Building

The new Non Clinical Services Building is a permanent building designed for the delivery of hospital support services which are essential to the operation of the Hospital's health care services. This includes cleaning, food, linen, facility management, clinical technicians, information services, waste management and a delivery dock. Staff relocated to the building on 3 & 4 November, 2021.

New equipment installed in the kitchen will save staff time and improve patient experience. Regethermic trolleys (pictured, bottom right) increase food safety with both heated and refrigerated food maintaining the required temperatures during transit to the patient bedside. While ride on electric Tugs, used to move food and linen trolleys, will increase staff safety and reduce manual handling issues.

Many of the existing buildings vacated by these support services sit within the future new hospital redevelopment zone. These buildings will be demolished, making the site ready for the next stage of the redevelopment – construction of the new hospital begins in 2022.



Pictured clockwise, from above: Exterior of the new Non Clinical Services Building, equipment storage, kitchen and staff dining room



Clinical Services Building—Planning Approval

The \$250 million Hospital Redevelopment reached an important milestone in October with the approval of the State Significant Development application for the new Clinical Services Building.

The new Griffith Base Hospital will include an improved emergency department; significant increase in Aged Care and Rehabilitation beds; operating theatres; surgical, and medical inpatient units including mental health short stay unit as well as maternity, medical imaging and paediatrics; expanded outpatient services with more specialist clinics, renal and oncology services.

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The new Clinical Services Building is expected to be operational by 2025. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) assessment report is available to view on the DPIE major projects website at: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/40356



Left: an artist impression of the new Clinical Services Building

Project look ahead

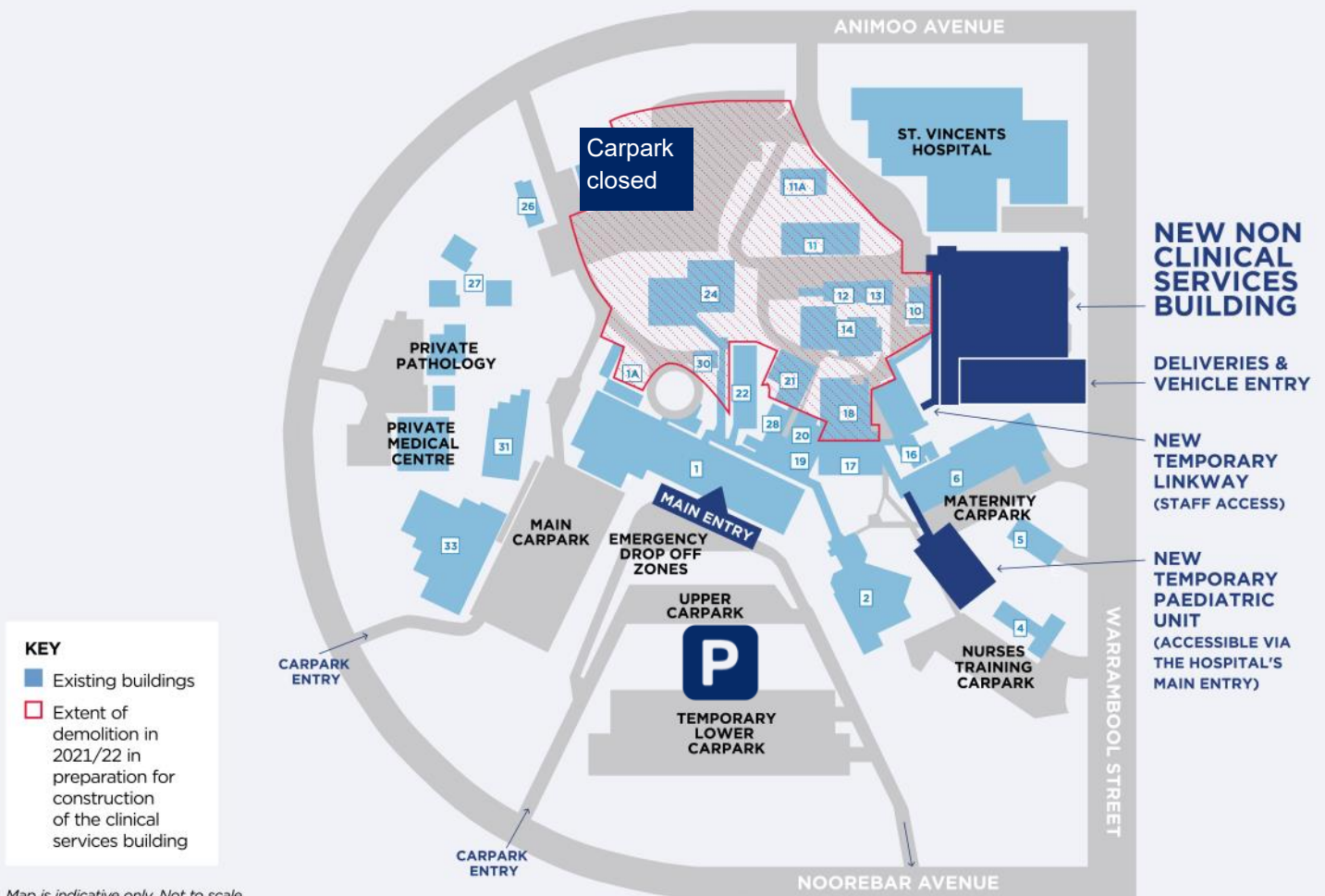
2021

- Closure of the Children's Ward carpark.
- Start demolition of buildings in the construction zone of the new Clinical Services Building

2022

- Clinical Services Building:
 - Award of tender for contract to construct
 - Establishment of site and sod turn
 - Commence construction

Hospital Campus Map



PARKING

The old Children's Ward (dirt) car park is now closed. This area is in the footprint of the new Hospital building.

Site fencing has been erected in the area, with building decommissioning and demolition scheduled from late 2021 until early 2022.

All public parking is at the front of the hospital.

RELOCATION UPDATE

- The Transitional Aged Care Team have relocated their administration and equipment storage to Kookora Street. Phone numbers remain the same.
- The Paediatric Outpatient Clinics have relocated to Specialist Clinics 2, alongside the Pregnancy Care Clinics. Extension numbers remain unchanged.