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### **Wagga Wagga Base Hospital reaches high point**

The \$431 million Wagga Wagga Health Service Redevelopment has met a major milestone with the Stage 3 Ambulatory Care Building reaching its highest point.

Parliamentary Secretary for Health, the Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, attended a traditional topping out ceremony today, marking the completion of the building's fifth and highest level with the signing of a steel beam and placement of a tree on the roof.

"This third and final stage of the NSW Government's \$431 million Wagga Wagga Health Service Redevelopment has now reached its pinnacle, bringing world-class health services closer to home for the benefit of the Murrumbidgee communities," Mrs Maclaren-Jones said.

"This new building adjoins the 50 bed mental health unit built under Stage One and the acute Wagga Wagga Base Hospital building completed under Stage Two."

The NSW Government has invested \$10 billion to deliver more than 130 new and enhanced health facilities statewide since 2011. The NSW Government is also investing \$10.1 billion more over the next four years in health infrastructure, including more than \$900 million for rural and regional areas in 2019-20.

"We're now well on the way to completing the entire Wagga Wagga Health Service Redevelopment, delivering world class integrated health services from a single campus to our local communities to meet their health needs now and into the future," Mrs Maclaren-Jones said.

Construction of the new building is on track to open in 2021 and will include capacity for:

- additional acute aged care inpatient beds (20)
- additional rehabilitation inpatient beds (eight)
- older person's mental health inpatient unit with an additional eight beds
- hospital in the home service
- renal dialysis unit (eight new chairs plus two training chairs)
- oral health service with two new chairs
- ambulatory, primary and community care clinic rooms, including prosthetic, orthotics, mental health and drug and alcohol outpatient services
- staff administration hub
- new education area, including library, conference rooms and lecture theatre.

Stage 3 also includes relocation of BreastScreen NSW services to central Wagga Wagga, 100 additional free car parks and landscaping on the campus.

Further information about the redevelopment can be found [here](#).

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