



Above: The changing face of the façade of the Acute Services Building.



Above: Procedure Room 1 in the Acute Services Building.



Above: L to R: WWBH Managers, Jo Johnston and Mary-Ann Kelly.

High Tech Theatres and Sterilising Services

New technology in the Acute Services Building will have a dramatic impact on the Peri-Operative Suite and the Sterilising Services Unit, (SSU). The Peri-Operative Suite will have six (6) Operating Theatres and two (2) Procedure Rooms.

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Acting Perioperative Suite Manager, Jo Johnston said theatres are being designed for future needs to allow for more complex cases. "Live digital streaming enables specialists to consult with each other. It also means we can offer new opportunities for surgeons and theatre staff to observe and to teach anywhere across the country."

One of the things that astounds staff when they go to the current building site is the size of the new theatres, Ms Johnston said. "It is much bigger than they expect," she said. "Staff are also very excited that the theatre floor will have a balcony. This is a new feature that they love because so much of their day is spent inside and to have a balcony is a wonderful feature," she said. Ms Johnston said staff are also excited about the skylights that will see natural light stream into the Recovery Unit.

The Sterilising Services Unit (SSU) in the Acute Services Building is also set to expand. Manager of the Sterilising Services Unit, Mary-Ann Kelly said the unit is responsible for processing all theatre equipment, collecting, washing and sterilising then wrapping and sending it to the Peri-Operative Suite and to other outlying facilities. "The new

hospital will see an upgrade of our processes with the creation of a one-way central workflow," Ms Kelly said.

One of the new elements the SSU is most proud of, is its new "Loans Room" which will be a first for sterilisation services. "It will be a specific room where equipment can be checked and washed using a separate new pass-through washer and separate steriliser," Ms Kelly said. "It's called a Loans Room because the equipment is on loan due to the complexity of the surgical cases."

The equipment in the SSU will be upgraded to include:

- Five new washers.
- Two current steam sterilisers to be upgraded to four high-tech steam sterilisers.
- One current Plasma Steriliser to be upgraded to two.

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WWBH Acting Perioperative Suite Manager**



New shirts for Volunteers

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital (WWBH) Volunteers are ready to move into the new Acute Services Building with the unveiling of their new shirts this month.

The eye-catching shirts are having a big impact on the volunteers, with staff and patients impressed with how they look. Volunteer Coordinator, Brenda Shone said the volunteers are enjoying wearing the shirts and there's been a lot of positive feedback about them.

"Previously we just had our name tags but the red and white shirts stand out. The patients tell us they really like them because they can clearly recognise who we are."

"We will continue our fundraising work in the new hospital as well as making sure people don't get lost."

"We feel that we are now ready to move in," Ms Shone said.



Above: Back row Carmel Jacobs, Jenny Egan and Doreen Owen. Front: Kerri Ford and Brenda Shone.



Above: Volunteers enjoying a special Morning Tea, thanking them for their continued efforts.



Above: Stage 1 Recovery, First Floor Acute Services Building.



Above: ED Triage Cubicles, Ground Floor Acute Services Building.

WWBH Building Progress

Joinery is now being installed in the Emergency Department (ED) of the Acute Services Building by local firm 'Harrisons Joinery'. The walls and floor vinyl in the new ED are also currently being installed.

The installation and fit out of the new Acute Services Building continues on schedule.

Visit our project website:

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