



Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Builders return



Above: WWBH builders (L to R) Ron Kearney, Jim McDougall, Bill Diessel, Terry Whyte, Doug Menneke and Jack Whyte.



Above: The Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital takes shape.

With more than 250 years of building experience between them, a few very special members of our community teamed up again for an inspection of the new Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital.

The men, who all built the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital tower in the 1960's, have worked in various trades from plumbing, electrical, painting and plastering said they couldn't believe the size of the new hospital.

Jack Whyte who worked on the site as a 14-year-old apprentice reminisced about his time on the building. "There were no cranes and no jack hammers back in my day," he said. "We did everything by hand and we did it over and over until it was right. There was no occupational health and safety laws back then."

Mr Whyte said it was time for the new hospital to be built and he was looking forward to the official opening. "Let's hope we won't be using the new hospital as patients anytime soon", he joked.



Above: WWBH Clinical Nurse Unit Manager ED, Kristy Watson.



Above: A Nurses Station on the Second Floor.



Above: The main Reception area is ready to be painted.



Above: Work is progressing on Stage 1 Recovery First Floor.

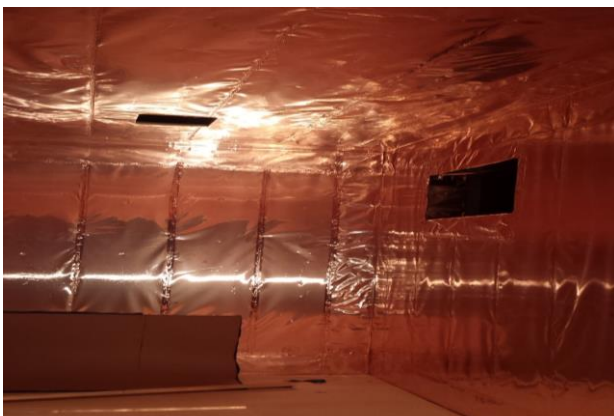
Future patient care

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Clinical Nurse Unit Manager ED, Kristy Watson says staff are constantly developing more efficient and effective ways of working to ensure best practice in ED before moving into the Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital.

"We are working across all the guidelines, policies and practices released by the Emergency Care Institute," Kristy said. "It's our chance to be involved, to develop best practice care, and to ensure the effectiveness of these care plans before we move into the new hospital."

Kristy said that staff are aiming to follow the 2-1-1 rule that would see patients diagnosed and treated in ED within two hours; an hour to be assessed by the Inpatient Teams and an hour to move onto the ward," she said.

"The future is all about streamlining care to reduce patient waiting times."



Above: The copper-lined MRI room.

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