



The highest point of the Acute Services Building



Above: Member for Wagga Wagga, Daryl Maguire, NSW Health Minister, Jillian Skinner and Hansen Yuncken Project Manager, Michael Martin.

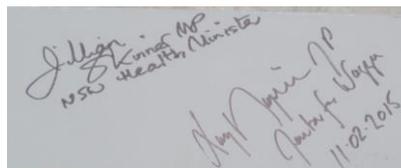
The wishes and hopes of some of the people most intimately involved with the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital (WWBH) Redevelopment were revealed in a moving ceremony last month.

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner was the guest of honour at a "topping out" ceremony along with Member for Wagga Wagga, Daryl Maguire, MLHD Chief Executive Jill Ludford, MLHD Chair Gayle Murphy, Health Infrastructure Chief Executive Sam Sangster, Hansen Yuncken Senior Project Manager John Hunt and local senior health practitioners

and other dignitaries on the roof of the seven-storey Acute Services Building.

Guests were asked to sign a beam that will be incorporated into the structure. MLHD Chair Gayle Murphy wrote "A great day for Murrumbidgee" and MLHD CE Jill Ludford wrote, "Providing the best care for rural people." The beam also included the signatures of those present.

The official party was also asked to make a comment on the wishing tree that will be placed at the highest point of the construction.



Above: Health Infrastructure's Boyd Harley with the Wishing Tree.

The Wishing Tree

"May all who seek treatment and all who provide it – fare well in this beautiful building."

Jillian Skinner
Health Minister MP

"Congratulations and best wishes as you occupy your terrific new home", Sam Sangster, CE HI

"This is a wonderful place for our people to receive quality care."
Jill Ludford
MLHD CE

"A wonderful facility that will inspire staff and community to work together for better health outcomes."
Gayle Murphy
Chair MLHD



Above: The Official Party celebrates the topping out ceremony.



When can we move in?

The most frequently asked question by WWBH staff when they see the Prototype Room is "when can we move in?"

More than two hundred staff have viewed the specially designed room that replicates what a single bedroom with ensuite will look like in the new Acute Services Building.

Staff have been asked to complete an evaluation form and the response has been overwhelmingly positive, according to WWBH Executive Manager Redevelopment, Irene Hing.

"The staff have been engaged in the vigorous design process design and the result is a fantastic high quality patient-focused room," Ms Hing said.

The prototype single-bedroom and ensuite is the size of a two-bedroom room in the old hospital.



Above: L to R : WWBH Executive Manager – Redevelopment, Irene Hing, Billard Leece Partnership director Tara Veldman and the NSW Health Minister, Jillian Skinner.



Prototype Room Features

- Staff-designed bedside tables
- Ceiling-mounted curtain tracks.
- Expansive windows to let more natural light in.
- Lower windows to allow more natural light to help patient recovery.
- Wider angled walls to allow staff to observe patients unobtrusively from the corridor.
- Power points, medical services panel and lights all incorporated into a headboard.
- Colours are muted, calm and natural.

Visit our project website:

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