



Acute Services Building - Fifth Floor Services

In the new Acute Services Building, the fifth floor will consist of a Surgical Unit and an Orthopaedic/Surgical Unit.

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Nursing Unit Managers, (NUM) Catherine McDonald (Ward 1) and Shanna Brill (Ward 2) say the changes will be immense and are keenly anticipated.

Both NUMs agree that being on the same floor will facilitate sharing of resources and knowledge on issues such as wound management. There will be more space for equipment with no more cluttering of hallways with wheelchairs, surgical trolleys and other equipment.

"I am looking forward to the patients having an ensuite and a lot more space where families can be together," Catherine McDonald said.

"This will lead to greater privacy and dignity for all our patients as well as improved cleanliness and infection control procedures."

It's a sentiment shared by Shanna Brill.

"I think we all agree that improving the environment to match the excellent care we currently deliver to our patients is probably what we are all looking forward to the most," Shanna Brill said.

"The new environment will make a very big difference to patients and staff."

There will also be separate staff and visitor lifts which means that our patients will have much greater privacy on their way to or returning from surgery," Catherine McDonald said.

"There will be lots of good things, it's a very exciting time for us all."



Above: WWBH Nursing Unit Managers L to R Catherine McDonald and Shanna Brill.

Surgical Unit and Orthopaedic/Surgical Unit

The fifth floor consists of a 30 bed Orthopaedic/Surgical Unit and a 34 bed Surgical Unit.

Some features include:

- Bedrooms for bariatric patients, with ceiling mounted hoists.
- Isolation rooms for patients with infectious diseases.
- An ensuite attached to each single and 2-bedded patient room and 2 ensuites attached to every 4-bedded patient room.
- Treatment room where wounds can be dressed, plastering or insertion of chest drains can be performed in a private setting.
- Write-up bays where staff can document in the patient's notes and observe patients.
- Larger and safer patient rooms with separate patient lockers for personal belongings and medication drawers.
- Large windows to help patient recovery.
- Larger equipment and general store rooms.
- Dedicated Allied Health Store Rooms.
- Beverage Bays.
- Interview Rooms to facilitate family conferences.

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*Catherine McDonald
WWBH (NUM) Ward 1*



Above: WWBH Front of Campus, Stage 3 Redevelopment.



Above: WWBH Back of Campus, Stage 3 Redevelopment.



Above: Construction of the main Entry Foyer in the Acute Services Building.

Stage 3 Redevelopment

Work on the schematic design phase of the \$170 million Stage 3 Redevelopment project for the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Redevelopment is progressing.

Stage 3 will deliver enhanced facilities for services including:

- Rehabilitation
- Ambulatory care services
- BreastScreen services
- Allied health services
- Primary and community health
- Community mental health
- Additional dental care services

User groups are currently discussing the needs of each service.

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Move Date

The Acute Services Building is expected to be occupied in the first quarter of 2016.