



State of the art Critical Care Unit



Above: First Look at the Critical Care Unit (CCU) in the Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital.



Above: WWHS Registered Nurse Evan Plowman, Clinical Nurse Educator, Cindy Earl and Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Grant Carey-Ide.

The first thing you notice in the new Critical Care Unit (CCU) is how much space and light there is. The wide corridors and large rooms are filled with natural light which will assist patients on their recovery journey.

Wagga Wagga Health Service (WWHS) Director of Nursing & Midwifery Grant Carey-Ide said the size of the unit was about three times larger than what staff are used to and the space means "we can deliver safe, timely care for all of our patients. It is absolutely awesome."

"The new CCU has loads of capacity and we won't be opening all the beds in January; we will have them as we need them," Grant Carey-Ide said. "There will also be a bariatric room for obese patients and more monitored beds in Intensive Care and High Dependency."

A Critical Care Unit (CCU) is a specialised inpatient unit that includes Intensive Care, High Dependency Care and Coronary Care.

A key feature of the CCU will be the addition of Isolation Rooms that will enable highly infectious patients to be treated separately to help reduce the risk of infection.

The Isolation Bays are negative pressure rooms. This means the air pressure in the isolation room can be controlled to prevent airflow from the room into the corridor/ward environment outside the room.

Ceiling pendants eliminate the need for any cords or trip hazards around the patient's bed. The pendants are moveable and contain necessary equipment including intravenous poles.



Above: An Isolation Room in the CCU.



Start packing & pack lean

Kate Woodward has been appointed the Wagga Wagga Health Service (WWHS) Redevelopment Operational Commissioning Manager. That means she's in charge of moving over 1200 Wagga Wagga Base Hospital (WWBH) staff into the new hospital.

Kate has worked for WWHS since 2000 as a Registered Nurse after completing her Nursing Degree at Charles Sturt University Wagga campus. Since that time she has worked in Midwifery, as an After Hours Nurse Manager and in 2013 she delivered the Whole-of-Health Program Lead for Patient Flow systems.

"I want all staff to start thinking about getting ready to move," Kate Woodward said. "We want to make sure all systems are operationally ready when we are given the green light."

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So you like your art big?

Applications have now closed for two Expressions of Interest (EOI) for graphic vinyl art works in the new hospital.

The first area identified for this large scale artwork is the Paediatric and Adolescent Unit. The second EOI is for other areas throughout the hospital.

The interest from local artists has been excellent.



Above: An example of how large scale artwork can look along a hospital corridor.

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Have you noticed some changes on campus?

The Redevelopment site sheds have been removed from between the Mental Health building and the Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital.

This will enable the Redevelopment Builders Hansen Yuncken to construct a direct access roadway to the Emergency Department.