

## Changing landscape

Demolition work on site of the third and final stage of the Wagga Wagga Health Service Redevelopment has gathered momentum.

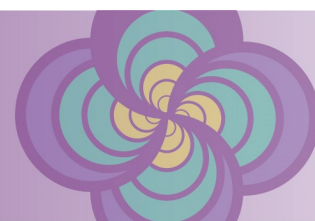
Gone is the two-storey Old Hospital Building (OHB) facing Edward Street, the linkway, Robinson House and Allied Health building.

Next on the agenda is further above ground demolition by Richard Crookes Constructions of the old Clinical Services Building theatre lift and adjoining fire stairs.

Heritage items from the OHB, such as the balustrade panels in the main stairwell and the foundation plaque, have been removed for safe storage. They'll form part of the Art Strategy for Stage 3.

The site is now being safely remediated in preparation for the commencement of construction.

**Key features of Stage 3** include: Ambulatory Clinics; Aboriginal Health; Aged Care Inpatient Unit, Older Person's Mental Health Inpatient Unit, Allied Health, Administration hub; Community Mental Health; Drug and Alcohol Services; Education/Library; Oral Health; Rehabilitation Inpatient Unit; Hospital In the Home, Renal; new retail facilities; new extended hours service and car parking – an additional 100 spaces.



### Overview

The NSW Government has committed \$170 million for the Wagga Wagga Health Service (WWHS) Redevelopment Stage 3.

The focus of Stage 3 is a **building area in excess of 18,000 square metres. The multi-storey purpose built facility** will provide subacute, ambulatory, community and primary health care services.

It's the essential bridge between the community and the acute and diagnostic services delivered in Stages 1 and 2. It also brings together health services in a single location for the seamless transition of patients between the new hospital and community-based services. This will also lead to the implementation of new integrated models of healthcare.

Stage 3 has moved into the design phase. The project is due for **completion by the end of 2020**.



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### Who's in the Project Team?

An Occupational Therapist from England, **Project Manager for Redevelopment, Kate Kennett** joined the WWHS two and a half years ago.

She worked as Manager of Allied Health before taking on the role of Project Manager for WWHS Redevelopment Stage 3 at the end of 2017.

"I represent the Wagga Wagga Health Service staff in the Redevelopment process to make sure the 'clinical' voices are heard throughout its planning, design and delivery phases.

"My staff advocacy role throughout Stage 3 is extremely important.

"I also work to ensure the impact of the ongoing works on the Wagga Wagga Health Service campus have a limited impact on our services to patients.

"I really enjoy this role as no two days are alike. I am constantly learning about both construction and the public health system," Kate said.



*Kate Kennett*

