

Above: Some of the Nursing & Midwifery leadership team at WWBH.

Ready for the future

Move clinics are helping Wagga Wagga Health Service (WWHS) staff prepare for the transition to the Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital.

The clinics outline the guiding principles for the move and cover a wide range of topics from key dates to how, what and when to pack.

The first to move will be WWHS Administrative departments. This will enable administrative support functions to be established prior to the relocation of clinical services.

Essential clinical support services will be next. These include:

- Pharmacy
- Sterilising
- Medical Imaging

There will be reduced theatre activity levels immediately prior and during the Clinical Services move. All Clinical Services will move within a three day window. Clinical Services will move continuously and with minimal breaks once the process has begun.



Above: WWHS Staff at the Move Clinic.





Cherry on top

It's known as the Ferrari of the sky and the arrival of the \$15 million Agusta Westland Helicopter last month was described as the cherry on top of the new hospital.

The state-of-the-art helicopter made its debut landing and take-off without incident. One of those on- board was NSW Ambulance Service Southern Zone District Operations Manager, Lindsay Court, who said the flight was wonderful. The crew flew at 1000 feet with a temperature of 35 degree celsius.

Some of the features of the new helipad are:

- It can facilitate a maximum static load of 6.8 tonnes and a dynamic load of 22 tonnes and is designed for medical emergency use.
- It is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Command Centre

A Decant Command Centre will be set up during the Decant period in January 2016. It will provide overall administration and communication control of all decant activities in both the old and new Hospital in the period leading up to, during and following the move. It will be staffed with Executive and Redevelopment Team members.

Transition plans for each department will be implemented and tracked by the Command Centre.

Departmental managers will be required to advise the Decant Command Centre of any issues that will impact on service delivery or the progress of the decant.

- Corporate Decant Commences: Wednesday 13 January
- Clinical Decant Commences: Monday 18 January
- End of Decant Period: Thursday 21 January
- These dates are subject to change and will need to be checked with your supervisor/manager.



Above: The historic flight arrives.



Above: NSW Ambulance Service Southern Zone, District Operations Manager, Lindsay Court.



Above: Preparing for take-off after a successful mission.

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