

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## FIRST LOOK AT NEW BUILDING FOR \$150M GOULBURN HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

The Goulburn community will soon catch their first glimpse of the new four-storey Clinical Services Building, as part of the \$150 million Goulburn Hospital and Health Service Redevelopment,

From mid-February, more than 1,450 metres of scaffolding around the new four-storey Clinical Services Building will be removed in stages, until the complete exterior is revealed.

Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman said the milestone marks another step closer to the completion of the new \$150 million Goulburn Hospital and Health Service Redevelopment

"The community will soon be able to see the fantastic progress made on the construction of the new Clinical Services Building, which is on schedule for completion later this year before opening its doors to patients in 2022," Mrs Tuckerman said.

"It's clear the NSW Government is delivering on its promise to bring top quality, accessible healthcare services to regional NSW – meeting the community's needs now and into the future."

Health Infrastructure's Rural and Regional Executive Director, Amanda Bock, said: "We are excited to give the community their first look at the new Goulburn Hospital as we mark this major project milestone.

"There will also be a feature wall in the Emergency Department carpark, developed as part of the arts program," Ms Bock said.

*Cranium*, the 40-metre tower crane, will depart the project site almost one year after it arrived - marking another major project milestone.

The crane has lifted and moved over 400 tonnes of material during its time in Goulburn, including:

- 100 tonnes of Australian structural steel
- 40 tonnes of formwork
- 50 tonnes of façade paneling and cladding
- 240 tonnes of machines and equipment.





A 130-tonne mobile crane, a crane operator, truck drivers, riggers and traffic control will be involved in the one-day operation to dismantle the crane. More information about the route for *Cranium's* departure and any impacts to local traffic will be provided in the coming weeks.

*Cranium* was officially named in July 2020 by Alex, from Wollondilly Public School, the winner of Goulburn Hospital and Health Service Redevelopment 'Name the crane competition'.

The \$150 million Goulburn Hospital and Health Service Redevelopment builds on the NSW Government's extensive investment in health facilities across the Southern NSW Local Health District. This includes \$18.6 million for the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment, and the redevelopment of the Yass Hospital and Braidwood Multipurpose Service as part of the Government's \$297 million Multipurpose Service Program. The NSW Government has also committed \$200 million to deliver the new Eurobodalla Health Service.

Visit the Goulburn Hospital and Health Service Redevelopment website for more information: <a href="http://www.goulburnredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au">http://www.goulburnredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au</a>

In 2020-21, the NSW Government will spend more than \$900 million on health capital works in regional and rural communities throughout New South Wales.

Since 2011, the NSW Government has built or upgraded more than 130 hospitals and health facilities across the State. A further 80 projects are currently underway and more than two-thirds of those are in rural and regional areas.

Since 2011, the NSW Government has also increased the health workforce by 24,614 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) or 25%. A further 8300 frontline staff are being added over this term, with 45 per cent going to the regions.

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