

## Project update - internal works progressing well

Hutchinson Builders have been busy working inside the new health service building, as well as on the new staff accommodation building and outdoor areas.

Activities have included wall framing, plastering, roof sheeting, services rough-in, painting and joinery. The exterior finish, also known as external cladding, has also been completed on the new health service building.

In one week, nearly 2200 square metres of concrete was poured for outdoor spaces, which is equivalent to nearly 5 netball courts.

The project team recently awarded the contracts for some major medical equipment

such as the x-ray and OPG machines which will go into the new health service.

The local art and signage working group is reviewing the Expression of Interest applications received from local artists. The successful artists' pieces will be included in the new health service.

We are well on track for project completion by early 2020, and will keep the community posted closer to this time with dates for transfer of services and when the new health service will be operational.

We look forward to giving the community a sneak peak into the new health service too - watch this space.



*Photo taken in late August showing the progress on the new health service building and staff accommodation (on left).*





## What is happening with the old hospital buildings?

Following construction on the new Cobar Hospital building, services will be moved over from the existing hospital and the existing buildings will not be required for health service delivery by the Western NSW Local Health District (LHD).

As the existing Cobar Hospital buildings are aged and excess to needs, they will be demolished as part of the redevelopment project's scope of works. All health services including Community Health will be delivered from the new hospital.

The Western NSW LHD have consulted with Cobar Shire Council on the future use of the existing hospital building. Cobar Shire Council indicated they did not wish to take ownership of the existing hospital building, and supported the proposal to demolish the building.

Following demolition, the surplus land will be referred to Property NSW for approval of its disposal.

The redevelopment project is integrating local Cobar elements into the new hospital through various forms, including artworks from local artists and an Indigenous courtyard and garden.

### ***Taking our history with us***

Further opportunities are being explored to honour the history of the health service,

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There is also a photographic archival study being undertaken that will provide a photographic record of the health service. Copies of this will be provided to the Cobar Shire Council and the local museum.

