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EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS DUBBO HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT TAKES SHAPE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Dubbo Troy Grant today visited Dubbo Hospital to view progress on the \$91.3 million redevelopment.

Dubbo is the first stop in a two-day tour of major hospital capital works projects in Western NSW, which will include visits to Peak Hill, Parkes and Forbes.

“Dubbo Hospital was the first hospital I visited on becoming Health Minister and I am always delighted to return,” Mrs Skinner said.

“It was a privilege today to be taken inside the construction site to see first-hand how rapidly this project is taking shape.

“The main works for Stages 1 and 2 are well advanced, with concrete pours underway for the ground-floor slab and the formwork in place for the first and second floors.

“Today I share the community’s excitement as this new clinical services building rises from the ground. The future has never looked brighter for Dubbo Hospital.”

Mr Grant said: “The people of Dubbo waited 16 years for Labor to deliver on its promise to deliver a state-of-the-art hospital to our community.

“It has taken the NSW Liberals & Nationals just three years to get where we are today. From the Golden Highway to the Mitchell Highway you can see the crane in the air and construction underway, delivering us the hospital we deserve.”

The \$91.3 million Stages 1 and 2 redevelopment of Dubbo Hospital is jointly funded by the NSW Government (\$84.2 million) and the Commonwealth (\$7.1 million)

Stages 1 and 2 will provide the highest priority services through a combination of the new clinical services building and the refurbishment of existing facilities. Stages 1 and 2 will include:

- six new operating theatres
- day-only and extended day-only ward for surgical services
- inpatient ward and birthing suite for maternity services
- upgraded renal dialysis unit
- clinical sterilisation department/ specialised sterilising department
- refurbished main entry and upgrade infrastructure, including car parking

The new clinical services building is scheduled for completion in late 2015, with refurbishment works to follow.

At the end of last year, the NSW Government announced \$600,000 to commence planning for Stages 3 and 4, which will prioritise medical inpatient and ambulatory care services. The current stage of planning will be completed by the end of 2014.

Following the tour of the construction site, Mrs Skinner and Mr Grant announced the winner of the "Name the Crane" competition, which gave local primary school children the chance to name the large crane which looms over the site.

The winner is Meya Brouggy, aged 11, from Geurie Public School, whose winning entry was 'Galu', the Aboriginal word for crane.

Mrs Skinner presented Meya with a toy crane, a t-shirt and hat.

Geurie Public School principal Trish Farley accepted a \$1000 gift voucher for a local hardware store from main works contractor Broad Construction Services, as well as a replica toy crane.

The 10 entries which featured the best colouring-in will be displayed on the Project Wall in the hospital's main corridor. Those 10 students will receive a t-shirt and hat.

"When the people of Dubbo look skywards towards Dubbo Hospital from today, 'Galu' will remind us that we will soon have a hospital to serve us for decades to come," Mr Grant said.

To view a video montage of images from the Stages 1 and 2 Dubbo Hospital redevelopment, go to www.dubbohospitalredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au/the-project/video-gallery/