

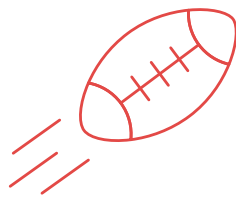


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There's been some chilly mornings on site as winter sets in!  
Our hardworking team has been braving the Canberra morning frost.

# Canberra Hospital Expansion Project Update

August 2022



The gross floor area of the Canberra Hospital Expansion Project is 44,000m<sup>2</sup>. This is equivalent to over 6 rugby fields!

## Construction update

Construction is continuing to take shape at the site of the Canberra Hospital Expansion. The pouring of concrete in the basement is now done and the structures of the new Critical Services Building are really taking form.

In the coming months the new superstructure will rise out of the ground even further. With the first floor complete and the second floor well underway, the structural foundations of all eight storeys will be well advanced by the end of the year.

While this is happening on site, behind the scenes the design processes of the new Critical Services Building continue to develop and evolve.

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## Canberra Hospital Expansion celebrates NAIDOC week



This NAIDOC week, Canberra Hospital Expansion site staff paused to acknowledge the important occasion as an Indigenous dance group performed some of their traditional dances in celebration of the week.

***It was a fantastic opportunity to learn and celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.***

This year's theme of **Get Up! Show Up! Stand Up!** was meaningful for the project team who are committed to reaching some significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation targets on the project.



▲ *Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith with Major Projects Canberra's Chief Projects Officer, Duncan Edghill, inspecting site progress.*

## ACT Budget Update

On 1 August 2022, ahead of the 2022-23 ACT Budget, Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith inspected progress at the Canberra Hospital Expansion construction site - the ACT Government's largest health infrastructure project.

The ACT Government will invest around \$7 billion in infrastructure over the next five years to continue delivering city changing infrastructure including the Canberra Hospital Expansion Project, the new CIT Woden Campus, the next stage of the light rail and an expanded Canberra Theatre.

A major part of the government's infrastructure investment in this year's Budget is more than \$820 million in health infrastructure - delivering expanded facilities, better community health infrastructure and new state-of-the-art equipment to ensure Canberrans continue to receive world class health care.

The Budget includes almost \$91 million in new funding at the Canberra Hospital campus. This includes:

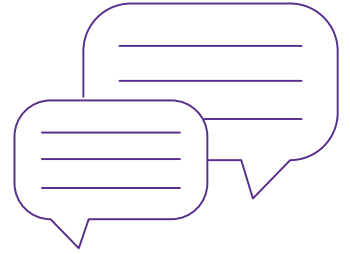
- Design and fit-out of a 64 bed inpatient unit
- Design work, costing and demolition for a new Pathology building
- Design and costing for a new inpatient building
- Public wayfinding upgrades to make the campus more user friendly
- Staging and decanting planning for the next phases of the Master Plan

The funding to Canberra Hospital will also deliver new state-of-the-art clinical equipment, including a medical-linear accelerator, PET scanner, CT scanner, Nuclear Medicine Gamma Camera and Nuclear Medicine SPECT/CT. Additional building electrical upgrades and the first step to delivering a palliative care ward at Canberra Hospital are also funded.

The Budget will also fund the delivery of the Southside Hydrotherapy pool at Tuggeranong Lakeside Leisure Centre.

# Q&A

## with Canberra Hospital Expansion Project Design Director



As the Canberra Hospital Expansion continues to take shape, so too has the design process. We asked the Design Director for the project, Ben Donaldson, about how the design of the new facilities is progressing.

### **What aspects of the design have the user groups been working on lately?**

As the design progresses the user groups start to review the rooms in greater detail. This includes consideration of what each of the rooms will look like with regard to material finishes and joinery design as well as the locations and extent of furniture, fittings and equipment in each of the spaces.

### **How has the new prototype shed helped with the design?**

We have conducted a large volume of inspections and walkthroughs with clinical and community stakeholders at the prototype shed, which was built with this purpose in mind.

This is a very important milestone as the prototype spaces enable us to review the design outcomes from a clinical perspective as well as build quality and ongoing maintainability. Through this review we are able to identify potential issues and revise the design solution prior to these spaces being constructed and fitted out in the new Critical Services Building.

### **When do you think the design process (or aspects of it) will begin to be finalised?**

We are beginning to get pretty close to wrapping up some aspects of the design such as structure and façade; however, the design process for the more detailed internal elements will continue for some months to come. A number of design streams such as interior colour palette, artwork and culture and signage and wayfinding are still in the early days of development.

### **How has this design process for the courtyards, public spaces and amenity changed and evolved?**

Through the design process, we received feedback from both the community and other stakeholders in the development of public spaces. We have also completed a series of workshops which have seen some positive design changes. These include increasing the variety of seating

options throughout public spaces and the further development of support areas in the facility like the Veteran's and Family Lounges as well as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Space, which will now include an outdoor Yarning Circle.

### **What's changed in the clinical spaces?**

There has been further development of proposed clinical services which have enabled us to include a teaching and training space adjacent to the ICU department on level 5. We have also completed a whole of building review to consider potential operational responses to future pandemic events. This has resulted in a number of changes to ensure infrastructure flexibility is maintained.

### **Can you tell us a little more about the art that will feature in the new building?**

We are in the process of consulting with stakeholders and developing

strategies to inform the artist prior to the development of artwork concepts. We are looking to implement opportunities for artwork that are integrated in the fabric of the building rather than just 'hung on the wall'. This strategy will assist with creating a sense of place in the public areas of the building.

### **When can we expect to see the design process 'come to life' in the new building?**

The prototype shed has given us a sneak peak of what's to come, and we have completed a visual mock-up of the various façade elements proposed for inclusion in the new building, but we still have a long road ahead of us in terms of activity on site. By the end of this year the building structure will be nearing completion which will give us a real sense of building scale. A bit later on into 2023 is when we will start to get a sense of the interior spaces.



▲ Prototype of what a single bedroom in the new Critical Services Building may look like



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## Ongoing works updates

Demolition works are occurring around the closed off former hospital entrance and Hospital Road area with the potential for some noisy works with jack hammering, hydrovac and structural steel removal works.

Additional construction traffic is anticipated on the spur road between Building 4 and the National Capital Private Hospital in August and September. Traffic controls will be in place if required. Residents and commuters are asked to exercise caution when in the area.



## Cranosaurus and Lightning McCrane hard at work!

The two cranes at Canberra Hospital have been instrumental in the progress that has been made on site.

In May, students at Garran Primary school participated in a 'Name the Crane' competition. Congratulations on the winning names – 'Lightning McCrane', by Emilie (Year 5) and 'Cranosaurus' by Aubie (Kinder).