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Demolition signals progress for Robina Hospital expansion

The demolition of 'H Block' this week signals progress for the \$287.7 million Robina Hospital Expansion project.

Gold Coast Health Service District Acting Chief Executive Officer Naomi Dwyer said the demolition work is significant for expanding Robina Hospital and its services.

"The demolition of 'H Block' at the hospital is a significant milestone for the project – clearing the way for work to proceed," Ms Dwyer said.

"Robina Hospital is set to almost double in size, becoming a 364 bed hospital," she said.

"Clearing of the current site will be a clean slate for the contracted builders preparing new clinical facilities that will provide greater services to the community.

"The project will deliver two extra operating theatres as well as upgrades to medical imaging, pharmacy, pathology and catering services."

Temporary measures have been set up for services used by the public usually located at H Block, including child health, oral health, medical outpatients and hospital administrative services.

"Child Health services can be accessed at the HQ Building on Riverwalk Avenue in Robina which is in close proximity to Robina Hospital to ensure the same level of service as was available at H Block," Ms Dwyer said

"Oral Health services have been absorbed within existing clinics throughout the district and medical outpatients can be still assessed on-site at Robina Hospital," she said.

Excavators will be on-site this Friday and are due to be complete the demolition ready for earthworks by the end of this month - subject to weather conditions.

"Access to hospital services will not be affected as all demolition works are contained in a fenced construction site," she said

"It's 'business as usual' at Robina Hospital."

This expansion will build on the early success of the \$40 million dollar new emergency department, intensive care and renal units which opened in September 2007.

The State Government has demonstrated their commitment to building health infrastructure on the Coast by allocating more than \$1.8 billion dollars into the area over the next 5 years.

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