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Ground broken on significant infrastructure projects at Miles Hospital

Work has started on a number of significant infrastructure projects at the Miles Hospital.

The projects, worth \$2.6 million, will see the town's private general practice medical centre, currently located in Pine Street, moved to the hospital site and the construction of purpose-built staff accommodation.

A building already located at the hospital is currently being refurbished to accommodate the general practice, while a site has been cleared for construction to start on the new staff accommodation.

Miles Hospital Director of Nursing Aschleigh Perring said the start of work had created a buzz amongst staff and the community.

"With work now underway on these two significant projects, people are starting to see how the hospital campus will change and lead to service improvements," Mr Perring said.

The refurbished building will not only house the GP clinic, it will also incorporate new allied health rooms and the existing dental clinic.

"Once completed, the building will be a primary health 'hub' where patients can attend a variety of different health-related appointments, and they are close to the hospital if further treatments, such as x-rays, are required," Mr Perring said.

"The new staff accommodation will also be a draw-card for clinicians visiting the Western Downs with eight modern, self-contained units to be constructed."

Work on the projects is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

The projects were announced by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board when its members met in Miles in June.

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