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Charleville Hospital rectification works near completion

Charleville Hospital staff and residents are starting to enjoy the benefits of a two-year $8.69 million State Government-funded works program that is gradually approaching completion.

Hospital Director of Nursing and Facility Manager Sally Gorman said the works were expected to be completed by late July or early August.

“We will start returning our various relocated wards and services to their original areas from then,” she said.

The works were designed primarily to rectify fire safety, water supply and electrical systems that were deemed no longer up to standard due to the age of the hospital.

But they also included some improvements to ward and service areas.

“For instance, since the start of the year, we have been using a fully refurbished emergency department on the ground floor of the west wing of the hospital,” Ms Gorman said.

“As part of the various rectification works, we took the opportunity to expand the emergency department from one bed to two beds, as well as creating some additional space for a dedicated medication station and purpose-built shelving so we can house all our emergency equipment in the one place.

“This is just one of the improvements Charleville residents will be noticing.

“Although most of the work we have done to improve fire, water and electrical systems is not immediately visible because it’s behind walls and ceilings, more visible are new ceilings throughout much of the hospital, a new lobby, new floor coverings and a new paint job for much of the interior.

“Getting to this stage has been a long haul that has involved some temporary disruption to services and some temporary inconveniences.

“But, once completed later this year, everyone will notice the whole hospital will have a much fresher and cleaner feel than before.

“In the meantime, I’d like to thank the entire Charleville community, as well as the staff of Charleville Hospital, for being so patient while these works have been under way.”
PHOTO CAPTION
Charleville Hospital DON Sally Gorman in the hospital’s new emergency room.

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