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Lismore Base Hospital's new Women's Care Unit opens

Women's care across the Northern Rivers will receive a major boost tomorrow with the opening of the new Women's Care Unit (WCU) at Lismore Base Hospital (LBH).

The stylish, state-of-the-art WCU is the first floor to open in the \$180 million Stage 3B redevelopment of LBH.

The \$80.25 million LBH Stage 3A redevelopment, comprising the new Emergency and Renal Departments, was officially opened late 2016 by then NSW Premier Mike Baird.

General Manager of the Richmond Clarence Health Service Group, Lynne Weir, said the new WCU was a giant leap forward for women's care in the area.

"The new WCU is absolutely beautiful, yet apart from its looks it is also an ultra-modern state-of-the-art facility," Ms Weir said.

"The WCU is spacious and contains an expanded Special Care Nursery and Birthing Unit, as well as predominantly spacious single bed rooms. In keeping with modern standards, each of the five new birthing suites contains a birthing bath."

The WCU will open to the public tomorrow, 2 May from 10am when patients in the existing WCU will be transferred across to the new unit. Pregnant women presenting to LBH on that day after 7am will be directed to the new unit.

The WCU is the latest floor to open within the 12-storey south tower, which includes a helipad. The \$180 million Stage 3B redevelopment will deliver in stages additional clinical services, including new operating theatres, the WCU, paediatrics, medical imaging services and a range of new inpatient units.

Construction of the four-storey north tower is expected to commence mid-2018.

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