

Building a regional hospital

St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith

The first St Vincent's Hospital opened nearly 160 years ago, with a mission to provide excellence in healthcare. It is uplifting to know that all these years later, the same mission continues to drive the growth of St Vincent's, with construction of a new private hospital progressing throughout 2016 in regional New South Wales.

This new Hospital will improve availability, choice and access to quality specialist care in the Murrumbidgee region. With a mix of inpatient and day beds, two operating theatres and a day procedure centre, the new Hospital will deliver local specialist care, including urology, gynaecology, ophthalmology and vascular surgery, minimising the need for patients to travel to Wagga Wagga or Sydney.

The new Murrumbidgee Clinical Teaching and Learning Centre will also be located at the Hospital, to educate and train doctors, nurses and allied health staff within the region and help to develop a sustainable and well trained healthcare workforce for the future.

Community support

This new Hospital could not have been built without the extraordinary generosity of the Griffith community. Donations from local individuals, community groups and businesses in the 2015/16 financial year exceeded \$3.5 million, helping turn a dream into reality and allowing St Vincent's to care for those in the Griffith community.

The Foundation worked closely with the Griffith Health Facilities Limited Fundraising Committee, the Griffith City Council and local community leaders John Casella and Roy Spagnolo to achieve this wonderful result. We would like to acknowledge our supporters for their pledges and donations in the 2015/16 financial year for which we are truly grateful:

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Making a difference

Having grown up in Griffith, Roy Spagnolo has always known the difficulties of accessing specialist healthcare close to home. Any appointment requires him to take time off from his accounting business, be away from his family and travel for hours to St Vincent's Private Hospital in Sydney.

When a plot of land came up for sale next door to the existing Griffith Base Hospital, Roy and long-time friend John Casella knew it was the perfect site for the city's own private hospital. They bought and levelled the land, then donated it as the site for a new private hospital. But their generosity and foresight didn't end there – the Casella-Spagnolo Trust went on to donate \$1.25 million to help build the new hospital.

"It's an honour to work with the Casella Family to support the people of Griffith and encourage growth in the local community," said Roy.

"Like all Griffith residents, I'm looking forward to receiving the compassionate and holistic St Vincent's care closer to home."



OVER \$3.5 MILLION
raised with community support



ROY SPAGNOLO, ROBERT CUSACK AND JOE CASELLA.