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Pre Christmas Milestones reached for Robina Hospital Upgrade

The Robina Hospital expansion project will reach a major milestone before Christmas.

The final roof slab concrete will be poured for the \$287.7 million project, marking structural completion of the new southern ward block.

More than 1100 concrete trucks have delivered more than 7000 cubic metres of concrete since Baulderstone started work on the project in October 2008.

Stages two and three of the Robina Hospital expansion is on track to transform it into a 364-bed teaching hospital by mid 2011, with the refurbishment of original buildings due for completion in mid 2012.

The expansion will include an extension of the existing A block and two new wings. There is also significant refurbishment works and further works to car parks. When complete, Robina Hospital will accommodate 179 new beds with a total of 364 beds and two new operating theatres.

Two key milestones will be achieved before Christmas. The first is the final concrete pour for the new Southern Ward Block of the hospital on December 14, followed by the completion of the suspended slab of the Eastern Clinical Services Block, the next major building in the project plan.

Baulderstone Queensland General Manager Stephen Green said communication was the key to delivering the project to meet the safety standards and the timelines set for the project.

“Our project team has already forged a strong relationship with staff at Robina Hospital and is working with them to ensure patient care is not compromised and there is minimal impact on normal operations,” Mr Green said.

“We know from experience that working in an operational hospital can be challenging, but we believe that with careful planning and communication at every step in the project we can ensure the best outcomes for everyone.

Dr Adrian Nowitzke, Gold Coast Health Service District CEO said that he was delighted that Baulderstone would reach these two key milestones before Christmas.

“Careful planning between the hospital and Baulderstone has ensured patients’ needs remain a priority while the project continues to reach these milestones,” Dr Nowitzke said.

“The expansion to the Robina Hospital is a welcome addition to the Gold Coast Health Service District and will cater for the growing population of the Gold Coast region,” he said.

Baulderstone’s work at Robina Hospital began in October 2008, with work on the western carpark and was followed with demolition and the subsequent construction of the Eastern Clinical Services Block and Southern Ward Block.

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