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Toppinng Out Reached at Hesperia and Aegis Health's Murdoch Square

Hesperia and Aegis Health have celebrated the topping-out of the five buildings at their healthcare and commercial precinct, Murdoch Square.

Western Australian Minister for Health and Mental Health the Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson joined Hesperia founder Ben Lisle and Aegis Health founder Michael Cross and construction partner Multiplex to mark this significant milestone.

The \$450million development is the first stage of the State Government's plan to transform the area into the Murdoch Health and Knowledge Precinct. The precinct will become the southern corridor's home to health research and medical care, delivering significant economic benefits for Western Australia.

The initial 1.2ha precinct incorporates Western Australia's first purpose built Medi-hotel, a private hospital, urgent care clinic, aged-care facility, childcare centre and hospitality venues. The five buildings that make up Murdoch Square combine to create a centralised town square for the local community, visitors, patients, and healthcare workers to access and enjoy.

Hesperia Managing Director Ben Lisle said together with Aegis Health, Hesperia is setting a new benchmark for innovative mixed-use developments across Australia.

"Murdoch Square brings together leading health, education, and hospitality providers to create a hub for the patients, workers and the local community. It will create a unique southern city that will support the growth in our health and research sectors.

The announcement that the new Women's and Babies Hospital will be adjacent to Fiona Stanley Hospital is exciting and a welcome addition to area. Hesperia proud to be part of the Murdoch Activity Precinct that will deliver a wide range of social and economic benefits to the Western Australian community," Mr Lisle said.

Murdoch Square is scheduled for completion in late 2023, with Multiplex progressing the internal and external fit-out across the site. In March, Multiplex installed a 30-metre patient access bridge between Fiona Stanley Hospital and Aegis Health's MediHotel marking another key construction milestone.

Multiplex Regional Managing Director Chris Palandri credits the team's agility and grit in reaching this significant milestone.

"The project team has worked successfully in a challenging live environment to bring the design to life, while minimising disruption to the local community, patients, employees and visitors."

"Having delivered two of Western Australia's largest tertiary hospitals in recent years adjacent to Murdoch Square, we are pleased to be back in the area delivering another fantastic asset for the community," said Chris Palandri.

Aegis Health's 80-bed MediHotel, mental health service, private hospital and aged care facility will sit alongside other major health care providers to create an important southern hub for medical services.

Aegis Care Group's Chief Executive Michael Cross said being part of this new precinct and delivering the MediHotel along with a wide range of other integrated medical services would be a proud moment for his organisation.

"We look forward to delivering a unique mix of health and aged-care services at Murdoch Square. The private hospital, mental health service, and 137-bed special health facility will serve as the foundation of this innovative health precinct. We are looking forward to helping meet the needs of the community," Mr Cross said.

Once completed, the Murdoch Activity Centre including the Murdoch Square development will provide 35,000 jobs and education facilities for 44,000 students and have more than 10,000 visitors daily.



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