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First foundation laid for Midland Hospitals

Work has officially begun on the 367-bed St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospitals with St John of God Health Care laying the first foundation today at the Midland Health Campus.

The \$430 million project will deliver a range of new and expanded services to the community and a choice of public and private health care when the hospitals open in late 2015.

Federal Minister for Health, the Honourable Tanya Plibersek, and State Minister for Health, the Honourable Kim Hames, both attended today's foundation laying ceremony in recognition of their Governments' joint \$360.2 million investment in the construction of the 307-bed public hospital.

St John of God Health Care's Group Chief Executive Officer, Dr Michael Stanford, said after years of preparation and planning St John of God Health Care, along with design and construction partners Hassell and Brookfield Multiplex, was delighted that construction was underway.

"We will be placing great focus on meeting our commitments with the State Government to build the hospitals on time and within budget as well as ensuring we meet all our contractual obligations and performance criteria."

Dr Stanford said the contract was a major milestone for St John of God Health Care.

"This enables us to become a significant provider of public health care in Western Australia and gives us the opportunity to serve the eastern suburbs of Perth for decades to come."

In June the State Government signed a 23-year Public Private Partnership agreement with not-for-profit health care provider St John of God Health Care to build and operate the Midland Hospitals.

Located in the heart of Midland, the new hospitals will ensure access to high quality health care close to home for the people of Midland and surrounding areas.

The St John of God Midland Public Hospital will offer many new and expanded services, free of charge to public patients, compared with those presently provided at Swan District Hospital and have 50 per cent more beds than the existing hospital.

The \$70 million 60-bed private hospital is wholly funded by St John of God Health Care.
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

St John of God Midland Public Hospital

The 307-bed St John of God Public Hospital will offer a range of services, including new and expanded services compared with those currently offered by Swan District Hospital, with these being free of charge to public patients.

Some of the services will include:

- New intensive care / high dependency / coronary care unit
- New cancer care service
- New adult rehabilitation service
- Expanded emergency department
- Expanded stroke and restorative rehabilitation
- Expanded mental health
- An increase to 24-hour anaesthetic cover
- Enhanced cardiology
- General surgery, including day surgery and surgical specialties
- General medical, medical specialties and geriatric and aged care
- General paediatrics
- Maternity, including antenatal and postnatal care and neonatology
- Ambulatory care (outpatient clinics)
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Pathology

The \$360.2 million public hospital is jointly funded by the Australian and Western Australian Governments.

St John of God Midland Private Hospital

The 60-bed St John of God Midland Private Hospital will deliver outstanding specialist medical and surgical care, including inpatient care and day surgery, for those wishing to obtain private treatment from the doctor of their choice.

The \$70 million private hospital is funded by St John of God Health Care.

For more information about both hospitals, visit www.midlandhospitals.org.au

About St John of God Health Care

St John of God Health Care is a Catholic, not-for-profit health care group operating 13 private hospitals (2,030 beds), including seven regional hospitals, in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. The organisation reinvests funds into improving the health of Australians by updating and expanding facilities and services, investing in people and technology, and providing a range of community health services – at no or minimal cost – to people experiencing disadvantage.

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