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Cairns Private Hospital has announced a \$16 million redevelopment which will add 56 new private beds

Crane moves on to hospital site for \$16m expansion

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WET weather hasn't hampered the start of Cairns Private Hospital's \$16 million expansion, as the first crane moves on to the site today.

Hospital CEO Shane Mitchell said the first stage, which included new wards, had begun and was expected to be completed by mid-December.

"The main expansion and renovations are starting this week with the building of new wards," Mr Mitchell said.

"There will be a total of 56 new private large rooms all with ensuites."

The construction signals the largest upgrade to the hospital since it opened in 1951.

“Once the new 56 beds are completed we will commission the new wards and then move on to renovating the existing hospital by converting all our shared rooms to large private rooms with ensuites.

“The redevelopment will involve hundreds of local tradespeople and contractors commissioned for the redevelopment and there will be 100 workmen on site at any given time,” Mr Mitchell said.

The expansion will also include a dedicated rehabilitation ward with new gymnasium, cardiac services ward and upgrade of the cardiac catheter laboratory.

There will also be new orthopedic and surgical wards as well as renovations to the medical and maternity wards.

Executives have also planned a boost to staff numbers with an extra 75 workers to be employed. The hospital also has one of Queensland’s largest renal units with 21 renal chairs, opened in December.

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