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Changed traffic conditions at Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital

As work continues on Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital's (RKDH) \$100 million redevelopment, staff, patients and visitors are being kept on their toes as the ground literally moves around them.

Steve Marshall, Project Coordinator of the hospital redevelopment said that in the coming week's traffic conditions in and out of the hospital will be changing to allow for the construction of a new round-a-bout.

Mr Marshall explained that during the day the main entrance in and out of the hospital, off Elanora drive, will be reduced to one lane.

"There will be a traffic controller at each end of the main entry road works to coordinate the traffic and ensure safety is maintained during this time," Mr Marshall said.

At the end of the working day the main entry road will be returned to two way traffic and will continue to be accessible.

The extensive redevelopment, which began in June 2007, is being undertaken in phases and as part of the ongoing site work, a new parking area has also recently opened up which provides more access for patients and visitors of the hospital.

Mr Marshall said the new car park area had significantly improved parking.

A second patient and visitor's car park along Elanora Drive will be available at the end of April

Phase 1 of the redevelopment is due for completion by the middle of this year and this represents a major milestone in the hospital's evolution from a 71 bed district hospital to a 229 bed general hospital by late 2009.

"The understanding and patience displayed by patients and visitors coming to the hospital has been really great and is really appreciated by the staff," Mr Marshall said.

It is expected that work on the new roundabout in the main entry will be completed by the end of April.

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Photo: Rockingham Kwinana District Hospital's Project Manager, Steve Marshall (centre), with Cooper and Oxley's Site Supervisor Andrew Saville (left) and Site Manager Ron Richards (right).

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