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## **Cutting Edge Veterinary Clinical Training Centre for CSU**

Construction has commenced on the cutting edge Veterinary Clinical Training Centre at Charles Sturt University's (CSU) Wagga Wagga Campus after the Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Goulter joined the Director of Veterinary Science Professor Kym Abbott and the Head of the School of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences Associate Professor John Kent to turn the first sod yesterday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2007.

The \$8 million facility is designed for the training of undergraduate students in clinical veterinary medicine, surgery, diagnostic imaging and reproduction.

"In addition to providing the facility for the veterinary science program, the Clinical Training Centre will build and extend pre-existing expertise at CSU in equine science and medical imaging", said Professor Abbott.

The facility will also include a large animal surgery and hospital, a small animal teaching surgery, large and small animal diagnostic imaging, reproduction laboratory and barn as well as tutorial and teaching spaces.

Staff of CSU's School of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences joined donors to the veterinary program and local industry representatives at a ceremony to mark the turning of the first sod.

The CSU veterinary program was established to address the difficulties that rural and regional communities have in attracting and retaining experienced veterinarians.

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