

Ambulance station work begins in Uley Street

CONSTRUCTION work has started on the new Uley Street ambulance station.

The Uley Street car park has been shut since last week, while Uley Street was closed for construction work yesterday.

Executive director of the new Bendigo Hospital project David Walker said the main disruption would be limited to the next four weeks.

"We have closed a fair chunk of the car park at the moment, but an area will be reopened just before Christmas," he said.

"We have to widen Uley Street as part of the works,

and that is likely to be done in the next four to five weeks.

"At present we need to use a wider construction area than the ambulance station will take up, but in four weeks' time the construction site will shrink back to the size of the ambulance station.

"At present it is probably the most disruptive time, but contractors are aiming to reduce the disruption before Christmas so car parks will be available."

Mr Walker said parking was still available in the area, with the Bridge Street entrance of the car park still in operation.

"We have done some work to create additional car parking spaces at this time, including a disabled parking space," he said.

"The spaces are at the Bridge Street end of the car park."

Mr Walker said the Uley Street ambulance station, which would house six ambulances, was expected to be completed by the middle of next year.

Work at the site includes a sewer main extension, the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Uley and Water streets and the widening of Uley Street.

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CONSTRUCTION ZONE: Work starts on the new ambulance station in Uley Street.