

BOWRAL & DISTRICT

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Celebrating our new hospital, one year on...

December 2021 marks one year since the new \$68.7 million clinical services building at Bowral and District Hospital opened its doors to staff and patients.

The new building has helped ensure we were able to continue to support our community with the highest level of care during what has been an unprecedented year for the health sector and general public alike.

The first stage of redevelopment works delivered the state-of-the-art building, featuring a new emergency department, operating theatres, adult and paediatric inpatient wards boasting more single rooms with ensuites, birthing suites, bariatric rooms and a dedicated inpatient gym area.

Shortly after the doors were opened, early works commenced on the second stage of redevelopment

works – an additional \$55 million investment which has already delivered a new hospital pharmacy and a purpose-built Central Sterilising Services Department (CSSD), both housed within the new building.

The new year will bring new additions to Bowral and District Hospital, including an expanded renal unit, landscaping, and access improvements to the existing administration building entry.

Planning continues for the balance of redevelopment works that will further enhance the hospital campus through refurbishment of existing buildings.

From all of us working on the Bowral and District Hospital Redevelopment, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and look forward to continuing to plan, deliver and share the exciting additions coming to your hospital during 2022.

Since the opening of our new clinical services building...









15,200+ patient bed days



22,000+ Emergency

Department presentations

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Clinical Pharmacist, Michael Cao in the new space

Pharmacy delivered as part of early works

The hospital Pharmacy Department in the new clinical services building was delivered as part of the early works for our stage two redevelopment.

Doubled in size from their previous location, the expanded space has given room for fridges and medications to be held together and monitored.

Pharmacy Director, Marianne Babcock, has enjoyed working in the new hospital building.

"Working in the new space has increased our connectivity with other services as we are now incorporated into the main hospital building," Marianne Babcock said.

"We have more room for the storage of records and medications, and our special trolleys which help keep us organised. We even have a nice tea room to host staff breaks," she says.

"With the high workload, the extra space has allowed us to employ a new part-time Pharmacy Technician to continue running our smooth service".

With more than 1350 different medications in the new department, we're confident that the new space has been well received.

Sweet magnolia

The hospital's signature magnolia tree will continue to have pride of place as the campus evolves and grows around it.

Future enhancements to the area surrounding the tree will see the levelling of the existing pathway to enhance accessibility to the hospital's former main entrance.

Plans include construction of a slightly raised walkway which will protect existing tree roots and ensure the tree continues to bloom beautifully for years to come.





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Works progress on renal unit

The much-anticipated expansion of the hospital's renal unit is well underway, with completion expected in early 2022.

A key component of the second stage of redevelopment works, the project will see the former paediatrics space transformed into a dedicated renal dialysis treatment area.

The new unit will more than double the renal capacity of the hospital, helping to provide this potentially life-saving treatment to more patients, closer to home. The new space will also enable further capacity increases into the future.

We're listening

Community consultation has been an important component of the Bowral and District Hospital Redevelopment.

As stage two planning continues, engagement has commenced with one of our biggest stakeholder groups – our staff. Project User Groups (PUGs) are underway to ensure that staff from across the facility have input into proposed plans and help shape our hospital as it transforms.

We thank our staff and community for the role you've played in helping us enhance your hospital, and we look forward to celebrating more milestones in 2022!



Lift me up

Our new clinical services building was built to be accessible for all, with the inclusion of two lifts complementing a central staircase.

To further support hospital operations, a third lift will be installed in early 2022 to assist with patient transfers, meal delivery and back of house services.

The additional lift will enable existing lifts to be primarily utilised for public access to wards and clinics, ensuring easy movement throughout the hospital for staff and visitors alike.

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