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Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter

Allied Health leaders tour the new Outpatient Centre

Anticipation is building for the teams who will be moving into the new Outpatient Centre, the centrepiece of the Stage 2 redevelopment, in the coming months.

Our Allied Health Heads of Department and subject matter experts recently toured the works in progress to see the refurbishment of the Art Deco era building first-hand. Standing in the space they were able to visualise its transformation into modern service and therapy areas.

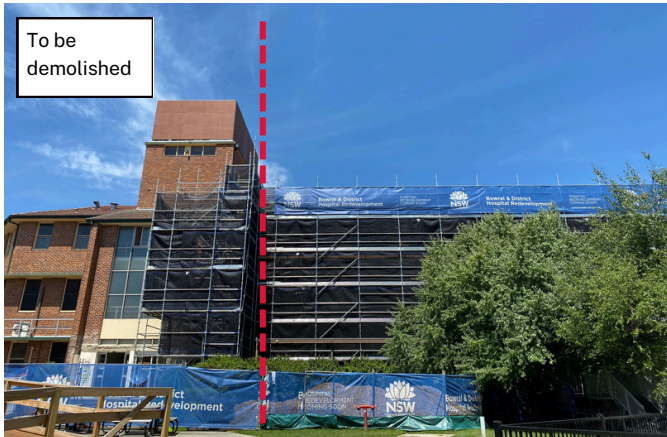
With much of the 'behind the walls' work complete, the new light-filled, built-for-purpose workspaces are taking shape. Original features have been retained where possible to bring interest and character to the space. Contemporary integrated technology will provide for flexible, connected working for the allied health and medical clinic teams.

The new Outpatient Centre, the centrepiece of the Stage 2 redevelopment, will include expanded and purpose-built:

- Allied Health services and therapy spaces for physiotherapy, speech pathology, cardiac rehabilitation/diagnostics, occupational therapy, social work and dietetics;
- Medical clinics including general medicine, geriatrics, diabetes, podiatry and respiratory; and
- Aboriginal Dreaming Garden.



Deconstruction has started!



Deconstruction has started on the former Milton Park building. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the initial work has been completed by hand with the robot moving into place to precision munch the remainder to ground level!

The section being demolished is to the left of the dotted line in the picture above left

What's that **noise**?

If you've been in the main hospital building over recent weeks you may have heard some intermittent drilling sounds and wondered what was going on.



New slimline hoarding has been put in place up on Level 2 as work progresses on the extra back-of-house lift which will provide a second option for staff working behind-the-scenes moving people, supplies and waste in and around the campus.

Spring has sprung!



The cooler mornings recently might have had us thinking winter was hanging around a bit longer than necessary, but the gardens and trees on campus are telling us that spring has definitely sprung!

The leaves are out on our grand old magnolias and we're looking forward to seeing their creamy blooms in the coming weeks! Until then, the azaleas and camellias are putting on a beautiful show!

Dreaming garden yarning space

We're excited to see the vision for a culturally safe yarning space coming to life here at Bowral & District Hospital.



One of the key elements of the \$55 million Stage 2 redevelopment is our Aboriginal Dreaming Garden. The garden was planted out with community late last year and has become a place of healing, learning and connection for patients, visitors and staff.

Local community members met on country this month with the redevelopment team to work through next steps in establishing a yarning space within the garden.

High School walk through

We had the pleasure this month of taking Bowral High School's student Vice Captain and prefects for a walk-through of our new Outpatient Centre (OC).



The students are VET in School students who are working towards careers in nursing. They were interested to learn how the services that will be provided in the OC will positively contribute to our patients' journey to improved health and wellness.

It is exciting to see the vision of a contemporary, centrally located OC coming to life and who knows, we may well see them back at Bowral & District Hospital as staff in a few years' time!



Acknowledgement of Country

Bowral & District Hospital stands proudly on Gundungurra land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the peoples of the Dharawal and Gundungurra Nations, the traditional custodians of this land. Bowral & District Hospital staff and community continue to be "Taking Care of Country".



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