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Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment

Beautiful magnolias and gardens preserved

Bowral & District Hospital's much-loved magnolias are receiving tender loving care as part of the \$55 million Stage 2 redevelopment project.

The transformation of the old administration building into the new Outpatient Centre, the centrepiece of the Stage 2 redevelopment, also includes the careful preservation of the gardens which date from the 1930s.

"The refurbishment is largely inside the building with outside work mainly involving some painting and tidying up of the site and gardens," hospital General Manager Bradley Warner said.

"The gardens of the hospital are very much loved by our patients, staff and community and we are carefully ensuring their preservation as part of the redevelopment."

"It is a privilege for the hospital to be the custodians of these special trees and gardens."

With the arrival of Spring, the magnolias across the site are in bloom and looking beautiful. The oldest magnolia trees on the campus are outside the former Berrima Cottage Hospital and were planted in the 1890s.

"At this time of the year, the gardens are gorgeous with so many plants in flower," Mr Warner said.

"Our outpatients in the renal dialysis unit have a lovely view of the gardens and we have also provided additional outdoor seating for our staff, patients and visitors."



Site taking shape

Work is well underway on the hospital's new Aboriginal Dreaming Garden in the tree-lined grounds outside the Clinical Services Building.

The site is being levelled to accommodate the layout of the garden beds and plantings with specialist concrete paths to be poured in the coming weeks.

The Aboriginal Dreaming Garden will provide a culturally safe space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and a peaceful place of rest and comfort for staff, patients and visitors.

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