

## Planning progresses on next stage of hospital redevelopment

Shortly after the new \$68.7 million clinical services building at Bowral & District Hospital opened in December 2020, early works commenced on the second stage of redevelopment.

The new Pharmacy, purpose-built Central Sterilising Services Department, and expanded Dialysis Unit have now been delivered as part of the additional \$55 million investment in health infrastructure for the region.

As planning for the balance of stage two works continues, the project team is consulting and engaging with the community and staff to help shape future hospital enhancements.

Local Aboriginal community members recently joined architects and landscapers on site to plan an Aboriginal dreaming garden that will be a welcoming feature of the site's existing open space, adjacent to the Mona Road car park.

Meanwhile, Project User Groups (PUGs) have been coming together to work on detailed design of repurposed hospital spaces.

Community and stakeholder consultation has been an important component of the Bowral & District Hospital redevelopment project to date, playing a significant role in creating the welcoming and functional spaces within the clinical services building.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate with those working in and visiting the hospital and its services to develop and finalise plans for the remainder of stage two works.

Expanding on existing plans for landscaping works and access improvements scheduled for later this year, redevelopment main works are expected to commence prior to March 2023 and will include significant refurbishment of existing hospital buildings – stay tuned for details!



*Staff coming together online and in-person to progress design plans*



*Aboriginal community members helping to design the future dreaming garden space adjacent to the Mona Road car park*



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L-R: Chris Marden and his wife xxx joined Dr Terry Flynn and SWSLHD Chief Executive Amanda Larkin to celebrate the sculpture



Hospital staff at the recent Dialysis Unit official opening event



Hospital and Southern Highlands Renal Appeal representatives

## Delivering care closer to home

Receiving potentially life-saving treatment closer to home is now a reality for more Southern Highlands residents, with the hospital's newly expanded renal dialysis unit now operational as part of the stage two redevelopment.

Made possible through the support and fundraising efforts of the Southern Highlands Renal Appeal with a donation of \$770,000, the expanded service will triple the dialysis capacity of the hospital and has space for future expansion to treat suitable patients.

With a number of Southern Highlands residents currently travelling to Campbelltown or Liverpool to receive treatment, the expansion enables more of them, including current patient David Sullivan (pictured above), to access this important treatment closer to home.

Built in the former paediatrics space, the dedicated renal dialysis treatment area overlooks the hospital's garden, bringing in natural light to complement the welcoming interior design. With some patients spending more than 15 hours each week receiving treatment, the bright and modern space will significantly improve their experience. The new facility also boasts a much-welcomed blanket warmer for added patient comfort.

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## The linden tree legacy lives on

A beautiful tree which provided shade and comfort to generations of patients at Bowral & District Hospital has been transformed into a piece of public art thanks to the vision of retired doctor, Terry Flynn.

The landmark linden tree was removed on the advice of an arborist in 2017 as part of the stage one redevelopment, due to its poor condition.

Dr Flynn, an amateur cabinet maker, together with wood carver Chris Marden, spent more than 600 hours carving the timber of the tree to create a physical representation of the hospital's motto – 'Others Before Self'.

Taking pride of place within the entrance foyer of the new clinical services building, the sculpture is now able to be admired by staff and visitors alike.

Linden trees have long been associated with the history of the hospital. The Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney provided linden trees for planting when the Berrima District Cottage Hospital opened on the site in 1889.



### OTHERS BEFORE SELF

Carved by Mr Chris Marden and Dr Terry Flynn.  
The Sculpture is created from the branches of an 80 year old Linden tree, which stood outside the Children's Ward, and was removed in 2017.  
The design is by sculptor Sally Waterford.  
This Monument is dedicated to the staff of BDH who have selflessly cared for the community over the past 133 years.

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