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# Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter

## Our first Community information sessions for 2024



General Manager Bradley Warner welcoming community members.

**Groups of community members and staff were able to see first-hand the progress made on the \$55 million Stage 2 redevelopment of Bowral & District Hospital during our recent walk and talk tours.**

Led by hospital General Manager Bradley Warner with support from the redevelopment project team, participants toured the key construction areas including the Outpatient Centre, known as The OC, and the General

Services Building.

“It was wonderful to welcome members of the local community to our hospital so they could view the progress on the redevelopment,” Mr Warner said.

“The campus is developing into an outstanding health precinct for the Southern Highlands, including the new Clinical Services Building, Outpatient Centre, General Services Building and the ambulance station.

“Everyone was excited to see the progress on The OC, the centrepiece of the Stage 2 redevelopment, which will open later this year.”

Further community sessions are being planned to showcase The OC ahead of its opening in the coming months. We'll let you know details in advance via our newsletter, website and social media.



## Update on Arts in Health

An exciting element of the Stage 2 redevelopment is the Aboriginal Community Art Project which will deliver several works across the hospital campus. This month the team from Red Room Poetry hosted a community yarn with local First Nations leaders at Ngununggula, Southern Highlands Regional Gallery, to develop the themes and concepts which will be carried through into the artworks.

Following on from this, creative workshops were held with local Aboriginal school children.

“This is an exciting collaboration marking significant progress in co-design which aims to deliver welcoming, comfortable, and culturally safe spaces for everyone in our community,” Bowral & District Hospital General Manager Bradley Warner said.



Community leaders came together in early March at a community yarn hosted at the Ngununggula Gallery.

## Feedback from the community

I would like to thank the General Manager Bradley Warner and his Team for executing an interesting ‘Talk & Walk’ tour last Wednesday, showing the progress made in Stage 2 of the Works.

I had seen the advertisement for this Community Participation activity in the local newspaper. During the first decade of this century, I was a volunteer in the pre-op clinic, as well as at the desk of Milton Park. A retired RN -it’s only natural to be linked to my local hospital!

Thank you  
Virginia Adlide OAM

## Acknowledgement of Country

Bowral & District Hospital acknowledges the Traditional Custodians on whose lands the redevelopment project stands and pays respect to the peoples of the Dharawal and Gundungurra Nations, the Traditional Owners of this land.



# International Women's Day & redevelopment team

Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.



International Women's Day is recognised each year on March 8. It is a time to celebrate the courage and determination of the women who have changed history, and those who will advance gender equality into the future.

Construction is an area that is traditionally seen as a male-dominated field, and it is still unusual to see a female working in construction. Donnelley Constructions are the construction contractors delivering the Bowral & District Hospital Stage 2 redevelopment.

We asked Eliza Medcraft, Project Manager with Donnelley Constructions, some questions about her role and how she came to be working in construction.

**Q: What made you choose construction as a career?**

**A:** Growing up, I was that kid who loved working on my cubby house or building forts out of anything I could find. I guess I never quite outgrew

that fascination with creating something from nothing. As I got older, I realised that construction and project management was the perfect blend of my love for problem-solving, creativity, and hands-on work. Plus, being a woman in a traditionally male-dominated field, I saw an opportunity to break barriers and make my mark in an industry that's always evolving.

**Q: Were you inspired by someone to pursue the career you have today?**

**A:** I owe a great deal of my inspiration to my previous managers and colleagues in both the engineering and commercial solar industries. Their dedication, expertise, and mentorship played a significant role in shaping my career path. Additionally, witnessing their passion for the industry ignited my own enthusiasm and drive to move into construction management.

**Q: What does your job involve?**

**A:** Oh, where do I start? Being a project manager in construction is

like being tasked to organise and host one big party or event, then be the one there to clean up afterwards. I'm responsible for arranging everything from start to finish. That means working closely with architects, engineers, contractors, among others, to make sure the project stays on track, on budget, and meets everyone's expectations. It's incredibly rewarding seeing a project come together, quite literally, from the ground up.

**Q: What advice would you give to someone who is considering a career in construction?**

**A:** Construction is such a dynamic and fulfilling industry to be a part of and a great career choice as it will constantly be in demand. My advice would be to find yourself some mentors who can show you the ropes, and don't let any outdated notions about gender roles hold you back – **being a woman in construction is a strength, not a limitation!**



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