

MAY 2024

Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter



Caring for community

Bowral & District Hospital's Aboriginal Dreaming Garden continues to evolve with the plantings from our community event in November 2023 now well established.

Our focus now turns to the off-site construction and eventual installation of a culturally safe place for yarning and engaging with healthcare workers.

Uncles from Kinchela Boys Home recently visited the hospital to share their history and speak with a broad cross section of staff about the significance of culturally safe places in healing.

"The Uncles shared the importance of making the place welcoming through art and language," Hospital General Manager Bradley Warner said. "What came through very clearly was the crucial role this place will play in helping the healing."



(L-R) Capital Insight Associate Director Simon Briddon, Joyce Saunders, Bradley Warner and Health Infrastructure Project Director Matthew von Bertouch

Bowral & District Hospital's Aboriginal Liaison Officer Joyce Saunders recently viewed potential structures for the Aboriginal Dreaming Garden with Bradley, and members of the Redevelopment team. Stay tuned for more details soon as we progress this important part of the project.



The Kinchela Boys Home mobile education centre.



Improving safety and access from Mona Road



Separate to the Stage 2 redevelopment activities, the hospital recently received funding for site access improvements. Works will be finalised soon on improvements to pedestrian access in and around the Mona Road P2 carpark.

All the hardscaping works are complete with new footpaths and steps constructed. “Unfortunately, the recent wet weather delayed completing the installation of a handrail for the new steps from

Mona Road,” Hospital Acting Director Finance and Corporate Services Kristine Lamplough said. “Work is continuing now, and we expect all works to be completed shortly.”



New line markings, pathways and access points will improve access in and around the P2 area.



Reflecting on a career in health care

Bowral & District Hospital’s Director Quality & Patient Safety, Maxine Krebs, comes from a family with strong connections to Bowral and nursing.

She was born in the old hospital and recently reflected on her career so far, the many changes that she’s seen on campus over the past 20 years and her excitement at the changes still to come with the Stage 2 redevelopment.

Watch Maxine’s video bit.ly/BOWHRMK



The transformation of Milton Park

Work is forging ahead on the transformation of the 1960's era hospital into our new General Services building.

Scaffolding on the northern face of the former Milton Park hospital has been removed, allowing a clear view of some of the external works completed so far including a new roof, cladding and double-glazed windows delivering improved energy efficiency.



May 2024 - the north face.



May 2024 - the south face.

The mobile phone base station that was formerly located on the eastern end of the building is being relocated to the western end of the building making way for the demolition of the section of the building that is no longer required.

This part of the empty building will be disassembled and broken down from the inside out in a carefully planned and controlled process over the coming months.

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.



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