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# Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter

## Preserving and repurposing landmark building



*Bowral & District Hospital view across to Milton Park Wing circa 1961.*

**One of Bowral & District Hospital's most significant buildings will receive a major refurbishment and have a new purpose as part of the \$55 million Stage 2 redevelopment.**

The Milton Park Wing, which was opened in 1961 and served as the main hospital for many years, will be transformed into a new General Services Building.

Hospital General Manager Bradley Warner said he was pleased to see that work on the refurbishment had commenced.

**“We have seen scaffolding going up around the building, which will be known as the General Services Building,” Mr Warner said.**

“It is wonderful to see this important building being retained and refurbished. The building will accommodate administrative, educational and back-of-house services in a central location to serve the hospital campus.

“It will also include a new mortuary and loading dock.”

Mr Warner said the preservation of historical and significant buildings was a key focus of the redevelopment.

Originally founded in 1889, Bowral & District Hospital has been serving the needs of the community for nearly 135 years. The \$68.7 million Stage 1 redevelopment was completed in December 2020 and features the new Clinical Services Building.

## Wildlife rescue

When the team spotted a large lizard in the construction zone recently, they quickly came to the rescue and moved it on to a safer location.

The healthy, mature adult blue tongue is now enjoying access to plenty of good food choices in one of the hospital's garden beds, safely away from the construction zone.



*Project Manager and part time wildlife rescuer Jeremy Wilson relocating the blue tongue lizard.*

# Getting to know the team



Redevelopment Administrative Officer Alyssa Hatcher outside the Milton Park Wing.

**The maternity unit in Milton Park was where **Alyssa Hatcher** delivered her two, now adult, children. Having joined the hospital nearly three years ago she's excited to be a part of the team working to breathe new life and purpose into the building.**

**How long have you been working here?**

I started working in the Emergency Department in the new Clinical Services Building in February 2021 and joined the redevelopment team about a month ago.

**What prompted you to join the redevelopment team?**

I was interested to see the work being done in Stage 2 – in particular, the reuse of significant buildings. I jumped at the chance to be part of a project which will give my community an upgraded facility for even better care in the decades to come.

**What is your role on the team – and what does a normal day look like?**

My position is Redevelopment Administrative Officer. There isn't a typical day, but I might do anything from typical administrative tasks like meetings and documentation to sourcing suppliers to fit out the renovated buildings. Some days include putting on the hi-vis and work boots to see the construction in progress.

**How does it feel seeing the changes being made to the building where you had your babies?**

I never worked in Milton Park but I'm glad to see it get a new lease on life and a facelift. The building was already pretty tired when I had my children 20 years ago. I really appreciate the efforts that are being made to make use of an existing resource and make it fit for purpose in 2023 and into the future.

**Anything else you'd like to add?**

If I could let people know one thing about how a redevelopment team operates that I didn't know before I joined, it would be how much time, care and attention goes into listening to all the stakeholders. Being part of the team finding the balance between the needs of the facility, patients, community members and our staff while building on a busy hospital site has been fascinating so far.

# Not pretty... but functional

Construction sites are not known for their beauty but protective structures such as temporary fencing and scaffolding are important for the safety of not only the construction workers on site but also for our hospital staff, patients and visitors.

Health Infrastructure Project Director Matthew von Bertouch said fencing and scaffolding are used to create a clear barrier between the worksite and the public areas for safety purposes.

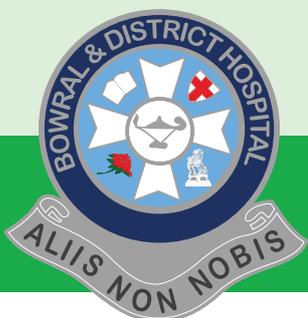
"They're also a great way to track the progress of works around the hospital campus," he said.

"This month we're seeing some changes on site. With works completed on the Clinical Services Building roof, the scaffolding is no longer required and will be removed.

"To mark the start of the next phase on the General Services Building, a large temporary structure with four levels of scaffolding has been erected which is expected to be in place for a number of months."



Health Infrastructure Project Director Matthew von Bertouch viewing progress on site.



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