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Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter

Welcome to the **first redevelopment newsletter** for 2024

There's lots happening at Bowral & District Hospital this year!



Local artists Nafisa Naomi and Lily Cummins touring the site with Hospital General Manager Bradley Warner, Director Allied Health Holly Furness and members of the redevelopment team.

Following a call for expressions of interest last year, local artists Nafisa Naomi and Lily Cummins have been selected to develop original art for the Stage 2 redevelopment.

NSW Health's Arts in Health program integrates arts into capital works projects such as the \$55 million Stage 2 redevelopment of Bowral & District Hospital. The program aims to create engaging public health spaces and improve clinical health and wellbeing outcomes for patients, staff and visitors.

Nafisa and Lily visited the site in late December 2023 to meet the team, work through some early planning details and gain a better understanding of the space where their respective works will be displayed.

“While we were walking through the site, Lily shared with us that she had been born at the hospital”, General Manager Bradley Warner said. “We couldn't have selected a more ‘local’ local than Lily.”

The redevelopment team is also working with Red Room Poetry which will be

running a series of workshops shortly with the local Aboriginal community. The workshops will involve people of all ages and their aim is to create poetry that will be turned into public art on site at the hospital.

If you'd like to learn more about the artists and their work you can visit:

www.lilycummins.com

www.nafisa.com.au

www.redroompoetry.org



Construction update



The first concrete pour has been completed for the ramped access to The OC



Works are progressing well on the new **Outpatient Centre, The OC**, which is the centrepiece of the Stage 2 redevelopment. The OC is expected to be operational later this year and will include expanded and purpose-built:

- Allied Health services and therapy spaces for physiotherapy, speech pathology, cardiac rehabilitation/ diagnostics, occupational therapy, social work and dietetics;

- Medical clinics including general medicine, geriatrics, diabetes, podiatry and respiratory.

Located in the hospital's former administration building, The OC retains many of the building's original 1930's features, including the entire building façade, its much-loved magnolias and rhododendrons, and the memorial rose garden.

Work has recently commenced on pouring the concrete for the new ramped access that will provide a level pathway to the front doors of The OC.

The former Milton Park building is also undergoing significant renovations and will become the new **General Services Building (GSB)**. The GSB is expected to be completed in 2025 with work already well underway.

"Internal demolition works are ongoing," Health Infrastructure Project Manager Matthew von Bertouch said. "New windows and a new roof have also been installed which will be more visible when the scaffold comes down in the coming weeks."



The former hospital building, Milton Park is looking very different on the inside!

Save the date

We'd like to invite you to attend one of our community information sessions for an update on what has been happening on the hospital campus and what is still to come in 2024-25!

Our first sessions for 2024 are coming up at the end of this month.

You'll have the opportunity to speak with the Redevelopment team and join a walk and talk tour of the Stage 2 works in progress.

When: Wednesday 28th February
Morning session
10:30am-11:30am
Evening session
5:30pm-6:30pm

Where: Marquee near the hospital's main entrance and the Aboriginal Dreaming Garden.

To book your 'walk and talk' tour, please contact the Bowral Redevelopment team (Monday - Thursday) via email SWSLHD-BowralHospitalRedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au or call 4861 0281.

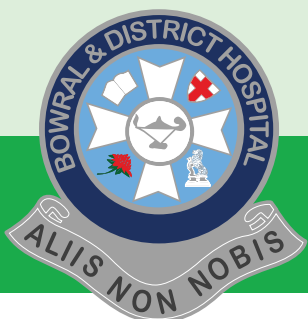
Please get in touch for more information or if you'd like to make an appointment to speak with one of the team.

Call 02 4861 0281 or email SWSLHD-bowralhospitalredevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au

You can also visit www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/bowral/redevelopment

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.



For more information:

- www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/bowral/redevelopment
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