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Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter

A sneak peek of the new Outpatient Centre (OC) progress

There is plenty of action behind the blue screens with major construction works in the north wing of the OC now complete and excellent progress being made in the south wing.

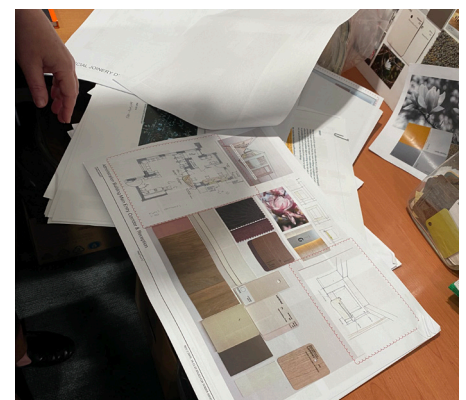
The beautiful magnolias that have been a central feature in the gardens of Bowral & District Hospital for more than 100 years have been the inspiration for the colour palette in the OC.

Wherever possible, historical elements have been retained and preserved while a comprehensive refurbishment of the building has been underway.

The OC now includes modern, purpose-built, and light-filled treatment and work spaces, with a focus on patient and staff comfort and wellbeing.

Many of the original doors, windows, transoms and base boards have been retained alongside a modern, fit-for-purpose fit out with new fixtures and furnishings.

The building will enter the commissioning phase early in 2025 and the project working groups are gearing up for a busy start to the year with move planning already well underway.





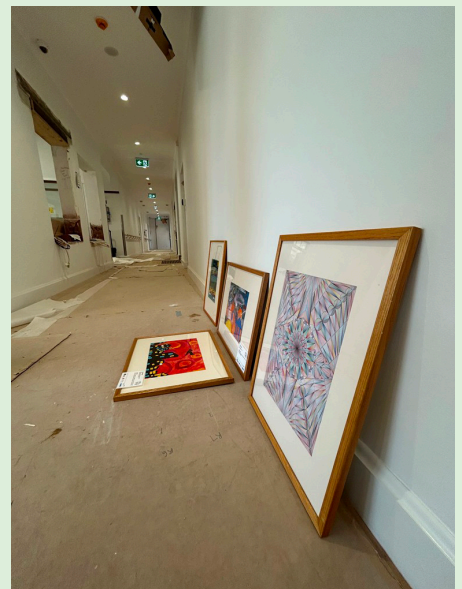
What was a covered veranda becomes an enclosed corridor overlooking the rear entry courtyard.

This week Bowral & District Hospital's General Manager Bradley Warner toured the site with Kimberley Gray, our Occupational Therapy Head of Department, and Naomi Ringholt from the Equipment Loan Pool. "We're very excited with the progress," Bradley said, "and we look forward to sharing the new OC with our staff and the community when it opens in 2025."



Art in the space

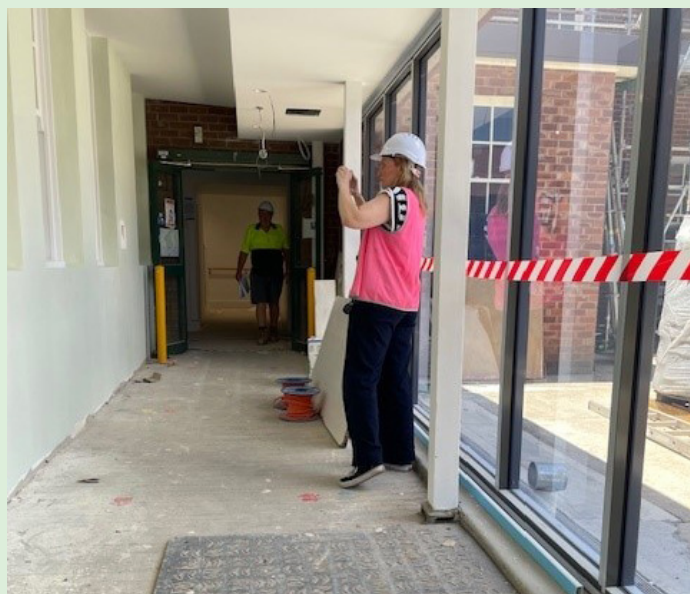
The NSW Health Infrastructure Arts in Health team were on site last week working with the project team on the placement of pieces from the Hospital's 'Operation Art' collection in the ground floor reception areas.



In recent weeks local artist Lily Cummins has been on site to finalise planning for the creation of a mural in the corridor facing the rear entry courtyard which connects the north and south wings of the OC.

Lily is one of two local artists who were selected through an Expression of Interest process last year to develop artwork to be used within the building.

We can't wait to see her vision come to life, transforming what will be a highly visible, high-traffic space into a vibrant, welcoming entry.



A place of peace and tranquillity

Our Aboriginal Dreaming Garden continues to evolve and it is wonderful to see so many people enjoying the shade on these warm summer days.

This Dreaming Garden is a place of peace and tranquillity. We sit in a circle to connect to community and country.

This is a healing place for families and children, those who are unwell, those who are healing, those who are growing, those who are connecting, and those who are grieving.

Please use this space and leave only your footprints behind.





Christmas Carols

MITTAGONG ANGLICAN CHURCH

Monday **23** December
11.00am - 12.00pm

Bowral & District Hospital Main Foyer

On behalf of the Bowral & District Hospital project team we wish you a safe and happy festive season.

We thank you for your continuing interest in the redevelopment of your hospital and look forward to sharing the progress with you in 2025.

The team is taking a break to spend time with friends and family, and to rest and recharge before getting back into it from 13 January.

Drop by on Monday 23 December and enjoy a performance by the Mittagong Anglican Church carollers from 11am–12 noon in the main foyer near our stunning Christmas tree!



Acknowledgement of Country

Bowral & District Hospital stands proudly on Gundungurra land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the peoples of the Dharawal and Gundungurra Nations, the traditional custodians of this land. Bowral & District Hospital staff and community continue to be “Taking Care of Country”.



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