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Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Newsletter

Season's greetings!

Thank you for your continuing interest in the redevelopment of your hospital. On behalf of the Bowral & District Hospital redevelopment project team we wish you a safe and happy festive season.

The team is taking a break until 12 January to rest and recharge and to spend time with friends and family. We look forward to sharing the continuing progress with you in 2026.

Carols in the hospital foyer

Drop by on **Monday 22 December** and embrace the spirit of Christmas as community members from St Stephen's Mittagong, St Jude's Bowral and Berrima Singers Choir perform for patients, visitors, and staff from 11:30am – 12:30pm in the main foyer near our stunning Christmas tree!



2025 – a round up!

It has been a busy year on campus with key milestones reached in the Stage 2 redevelopment of Bowral & District Hospital.

Our new Outpatient Centre (OC) was completed early in the year and we welcomed our first patients in early **March**.

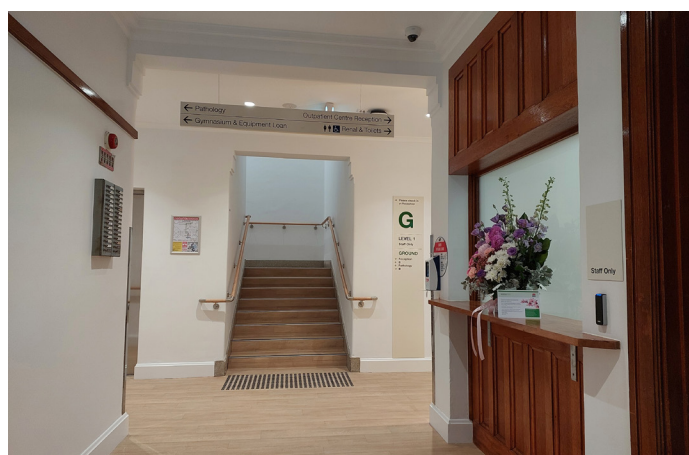


We celebrated the opening of the OC in early **April** with the community invited to tour the transformed space. We were pleased to welcome former staff and patients who remarked on the many historical elements retained in a bright, fit-for-purpose clinical space.

Also in **April**, the veranda on the former Milton Park building was enclosed to form a new linkway as part of the new General Services Building (GSB), providing all weather access for our back-of-house teams.



Photo caption: General Manager Bradley Warner, with the District's Associate Director Clinical Operations Pauline Hudson, welcomes participants in the first group physiotherapy session in the new gymnasium



By **mid-year** the teams who will be moving into levels one and two of the GSB in 2026 were able to tour their future workspaces, taking the opportunity to reflect on current processes and workflows and consider how the new accommodation may enable enhanced work processes in the future.





In **July**, the collection of interconnected buildings commonly referred to as 'Watson' were demolished, marking the end of an era and opening up the rear of the campus for the new loading dock.



In **August**, an additional lift was commissioned in the main clinical services building delivered under the Stage 1 Redevelopment. Having a second back-of-house lift dedicated to transporting staff and essential goods and services has significantly enhanced hospital operations and reduced wait times for patients and staff.



Also in **August**, a new steel-framed awning was installed at the rear entry to the OC, providing additional protection for patients, visitors and staff accessing the building in all weathers.



In **October** the SWSLHD Board met on site here at Bowral to see first-hand the progress of the redevelopment of the hospital. The Board's townhall meeting with staff provided an opportunity for the NSW Health Infrastructure team to showcase the Art in Health project and specifically the First Nations Welcome Project.

Photo caption: (L) Brigette Uren, NSW Health Infrastructure Arts addresses the townhall meeting. (R) General Manager Bradley Warner was joined by South Western Sydney Local Health District's Chief Executive Sonia Marshall PSM, SWSLHD Chief Executive and Board Chair Adjunct Associate Professor Billie Sankovic.



Progress in the General Services Building

Work is forging ahead in the new GSB with construction of fire stairs on the eastern end now complete, the ground floor fit-out is progressing well, and the loading dock and forecourt are also taking shape.

The temporary wooden linkway connecting the OC and kitchens with the new linkway (opened in April) has now been removed and the 'missing link' can now be used while the final finishing touches are applied inside and out.

The opening of this new permanent enclosed linkway from the OC through the GSB allows connection right across the campus.



A large-span awning is being constructed to provide weather protection for dock operations. With a diverse range of suppliers serving the hospital, a ramp has been incorporated at the eastern end and a dock leveller will be installed in the new year to enable safe and efficient loading and unloading regardless of vehicle size.

The NSW HealthShare teams, who will be the majority tenants on the ground floor of the new GSB, have participated in familiarisation tours ahead of the new building commissioning in 2026. These tours allow the teams to consider their existing processes and explore opportunities to enhance their workflows in the new space.





New artwork on Emergency Department windows

We're excited to share that a key element of the First Nations Welcome Project has now been printed onto film applied to the windows in the Emergency Department waiting area.



The First Nations Welcome Project at Bowral & District Hospital is led by Gunai artist Kirli Saunders in collaboration with NSW Health Infrastructure, Red Room Poetry, local community members and local school students. It aims to ensure that Aboriginal patients and families feel welcomed and safe in this place.

The original artwork incorporates the contributions of 42 local Aboriginal primary and secondary school students. With the guiding hands of local Elders and Aboriginal community members, the students' images and ideas have been woven into a visual representation of the community's values and heritage.

Connection to Country, family and community is expressed in the depictions of the land, rivers, sky,

trees, tracks and animals seen in the artwork. This art presents an opportunity for all visitors to reflect on the enduring strength, culture, and identity of First Nations people on Gundungurra lands.

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 will continue to be "Taking Care of Country".



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