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Liverpool Hospital gears up for 200 year anniversary celebrations

While most people are winding down as the end of year approaches, Liverpool Hospital is gearing up for a whole year of celebrations to mark the bicentenary anniversary of the Hospital in 2013.

Liverpool Hospital's first brick building was commissioned almost 200 years ago in 1813 on a portion of land beside the Georges River.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager Anthony Schembri said preparations were well under way for a series of events being planned to mark this historic milestone.

"Liverpool Hospital was originally run as a hospital for soldiers and convicts, starting as a tent hospital in the early 1790's, making it the second oldest hospital in Australia," Anthony Schembri said.

"To see how it has transformed over the last 200 years is truly amazing. We want to showcase the staff and hospital's achievements throughout this time.

"We are planning a number of events starting from February next year, with the official launch of the 200 year anniversary celebrations on 1 March 2013," he said.

Some of the activities will include the opening of the Hospital Museum, photographic wall display, community open day, the launch of the Hospital bicentenary book, dedicated anniversary website and Inter-Hospital Mini Games to be hosted at Liverpool.

The Hospital's regular annual events will also be themed around the 200 year anniversary including Anzac Day commemorations, International Nurse's Day and the SWAN Trauma Conference.

Anthony Schembri also said the completion of the Liverpool Hospital Redevelopment couldn't have come at a better time.

"The redevelopment has made Liverpool Hospital both the largest hospital and tertiary referral centre in NSW. It is also a teaching hospital of the University of New South Wales and University of Western Sydney," he said.

"We are a leading hospital in all aspects including technology, teaching and learning, equipment, design and technique and we are proud to be able to continue to provide high quality health care to the south western Sydney community.

"To come from such humble beginnings to where we are today almost 200 years later is a momentous achievement. I believe the contribution and commitment of staff and the community over the years has made Liverpool Hospital the success it is today," he said.