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LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL IS ALL HEART

Locals in south west Sydney now have a new $2 million state-of-the-art weapon against heart disease with the opening of a cardiac interventional unit at Liverpool Hospital.

Member for Holsworthy, Melanie Gibbons today officially opened the Cardiac Cath Lab as part of festivities marking Liverpool Hospital’s Open Day.

“Liverpool Hospital is the heart of our community and the NSW Government has shown time and time again that it is investing in the future health of all local residents,” Ms Gibbons said.

“Earlier this year the NSW Government committed $740 million to redevelop Liverpool Hospital as a health and academic hub, further guaranteeing everyone from mums and dads, to babies and the elderly get world class health care on their doorstep.”

Liverpool’s new cardiac interventional unit follows the opening of cardiac cath labs at Campbelltown and Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospitals in the past 15 months.

NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard said Liverpool Hospital’s $2 million cardiac cath lab is part of a $57.6 million investment in cardiac services across the South Western Sydney Local Health District in 2018-19.

“Melanie Gibbons has been lobbying long and hard for her community and Liverpool Hospital to have world class health facilities,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The new cardiac catheter lab offers groundbreaking technology to assist doctors to save lives, and further enhances Liverpool Hospital’s role as a leader in the network of cardiac care across south western Sydney,” Mr Hazzard said.

The new lab is used to perform minimally invasive procedures which allow the diagnosis and treatment of coronary heart disease. Liverpool Hospital has one of the busiest cardiac interventional units in Australia, conducting about 5000 procedures a year.

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