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**Topping out ceremony reaches historic milestone**

Bowral & District Hospital celebrated an important milestone in its $65 million redevelopment with a special ceremony to mark the construction of the highest point of the new clinical services building.

Member for Wollondilly Nathaniel Smith was a special guest at the “topping out” event, honouring a Scandinavian tradition of placing an evergreen tree at the highest point of construction.

“We are delighted that construction of the highest point of the new four-storey clinical services building has been reached, and we look forward to a new hospital that will meet the future needs of our local community,” Bowral & District Hospital General Manager Ken Barnett said.

“This is a fantastic milestone for our hospital and community.

“The evergreen tree will be planted in the hospital grounds and signify this historic occasion.”

Mr Barnett also highlighted the use of local materials in the redevelopment, creating jobs and investment.

“Austral Bricks are supplying 137,000 bricks manufactured in their Bowral factory,” he said.

“Concrite is providing 3,777 cubic metres of concrete, which is the equivalent to one and a third Olympic pools, manufactured at Maldon in the north of the Southern Highlands.

“I am delighted the redevelopment is supporting local jobs and investment in our community.”

The NSW Government has committed $65 million for the redevelopment of Bowral & District Hospital which includes a purpose-built clinical services building with new theatres, adult and paediatric inpatient wards, birthing suites, more single rooms with ensuites and rehabilitation spaces.