Bowral’s new build

Bowral & District Hospital celebrated its much-anticipated $65 million redevelopment with the official turning of the first sod last month.

Member for Wollondilly Nathaniel Smith grabbed a golden shovel to mark the start of construction of the new clinical services building.

Bowral & District Hospital Acting General Manager Sue Hair said the hospital redevelopment was an exciting time for staff and the local community.

“The official turning of the first sod marks our commitment to provide the best health care and facilities for our community,” Ms Hair said.

“Construction is moving full steam ahead, and we look forward to seeing the redevelopment of our hospital take shape in the coming months.”

The clinical services building will include a new emergency department, new inpatient units with more single rooms with ensuites, new modern theatres, a new main entrance and new medical equipment.

WHAT’S ON

» 1 May
Free flu vaccinations for health staff

» 5 May
International Day of the Midwife
Ramadan begins

» 12 May
International Nurses Day

» 16 May
Wellbeing Framework launch

» 17 May
Quality Awards submissions close

» 23 May
Volunteer Appreciation Day

» 30 May
People Matter Employee Survey opens

» 31 May
World No Tobacco Day

Nathaniel Smith MP and Bowral & District Hospital A/General Manager Sue Hair with staff and volunteers.
Chairman Message

The past couple of months I have had the opportunity to visit most hospitals, services and community health centres. I have met many incredible staff and the dedication to delivering safe, quality care is fantastic.

I look forward to attending my first Health Beyond Research & Innovation Showcase on 5 and 6 June as I have heard so much about the amazing health and medical research in south western Sydney.

The showcase will have some fantastic keynote speakers and I am looking forward to learning more about their innovative ideas as well as our District’s research projects which will shape our future.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet you at this premier event at the William Inglis – MGallery by Sofitel, Warwick Farm, and highlight our research and innovation to the world.

The District is celebrating an important milestone in our hospital redevelopments with the start of construction of Bowral & District Hospital’s $65 million clinical services building. This is the first of our ‘big builds’ to begin and I am looking forward to the state-of-the-art building taking shape over the coming year.

This month, we also celebrate our wonderful midwives and nurses, with May marking both international midwives and nurses days. Our midwives and nurses do a wonderful job and I hope you all have a chance to take some time to join the functions happening across the District.

I would like to announce the appointment of Mr Paul Crowe as Fairfield Hospital’s new General Manager. Mr Crowe brings more than 18 years of health leadership and management experience to the role and I wish him all best in his new position.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff who worked during the Easter holiday period. Your efforts are much appreciated. I also hope staff who had time off enjoyed their break.

Mr Sam Haddad, Chairman, South Western Sydney Local Health District

60 seconds with....

Paul Crowe, Fairfield Hospital’s new General Manager.

How long have you been working in health?
I’ve been in health for 28 years, starting as a nurse in adult care then paediatrics, and have spent more than 18 years in health leadership and management roles.

Where were you previously?
I was previously Network Clinical Program Director, Critical Care at the Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network. It was a great leadership opportunity.

What’s the best thing about Fairfield Hospital?
The diversity of Fairfield Hospital staff reflects the people, cultures and beliefs of the local community. Everybody at Fairfield Hospital works together to deliver safe, quality care.

Tell us about Fairfield Hospital?
Fairfield Hospital has a unique specialist hand clinic and the redevelopment of the Emergency Department is nearing completion. There are lots of things for staff, patients and the community to be excited about at Fairfield Hospital.

What do you plan to achieve?
I am looking forward to ensuring that the principles of Transforming Your Experience are embedded in our practices to enhance patient care and that staff feel empowered in their roles.

Register today!

Now is your chance to witness some of the most interesting and innovative ways in which our District’s researchers and clinicians are transforming the future of health care both locally and globally.

Registration is free to attend this year’s Health and Beyond Research & Innovation Showcase, which will be held on 5 and 6 June at The William Inglis - MGallery by Sofitel, Warwick Farm. Registrations close Wednesday 22 May.

This year’s speakers include Australian Olympian and future doctor Jana Pittman (pictured) and National Mental Health Commission Chair Lucy Brogden. Visit healthbeyondshowcase.org.au for more information or to register to attend.

Mr Sam Haddad, Chairman, South Western Sydney Local Health District

Mr Paul Crowe, Fairfield Hospital’s new General Manager.
Lest we forget

ANZAC Day is a day when we remember all Australians who served and died in war, both past and present.

Staff, visitors and patients across the District took a moment of silence to remember the courage, mateship, and sacrifice our heroes made, which has shaped our national identity.

ANZAC celebrations across the District.

ED care for kids

Campbelltown Hospital has opened a new specialised children's area in the Emergency Department as a major enhancement of care.

“Children aged up to 16 now have access to separate children’s waiting and treatment areas as part of the new paediatric space in the ED,” Camden and Campbelltown Hospitals General Manager Alison Derrett said.

“The ED can be a scary place for kids so the purpose-built area has been designed to be a more children-friendly environment.”

The new children's area includes 11 treatment spaces, one plaster room and two treatment rooms.

Staff at Campbelltown Hospital.

One beat ahead

Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Cardiac Catheter Laboratory team has introduced new technology to treat and educate patients with heart disease.

By using Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) technology, clinicians can view inside a patient’s arteries before and after a stenting procedure.

The high-resolution images are helping to educate patients about heart disease, one of the nation's biggest killers.

Staff at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

Our caring community

A huge thank you to our dedicated Bowral & District Hospital Auxiliary and Moss Vale Hospital Auxiliary volunteers. Through cake stalls, fashion parades and craft sales, the volunteers raised money for the hospital to buy $20,000 worth of new life-saving equipment for its Emergency Department. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Also thank you to Thor Specialties for a $10,000 donation that will enable Fairfield Hospital to buy infusion pumps for its paediatric department!

A good egg

Thank you to those staff who worked during the Easter period and lifted the spirits of our patients with friendly, personalised care.

It was wonderful to see the festivities spread across our hospitals and facilities, which included a special visit from Wests Tigers rugby league player Josh Aloiai and the Easter Bunny.

Staff at Campbelltown Hospital.
April Falls Month

Staff and visitors wore a touch of green and had fun learning about the importance of managing falls at the April Falls Month stalls at Bowral & District, Liverpool, Camden and Campbelltown Hospitals last month.

Bowral & District Hospital made cupcakes to generate public awareness about falls and frailty and also held a webinar for nursing and allied health staff.

Congratulations to Liverpool Hospital’s Sunimol Joji, Lauren McGuinness, Veronica Britos and Victor Ye who tested their knowledge and won prizes on the day.

Cultural awareness

Cultural communication is a key focus for the District. Better communication leads to personalised care, a positive workplace culture and improved services for our community.

The ‘Working in Culturally Diverse Contexts’ course is a new mandatory online training module about improving staff cultural communication. Visit My Health Learning and complete the course today.

NSW Health also recognises multicultural health communication initiatives. The Multicultural Health Communication Awards are your chance to share your contribution to multicultural communication. Entries close on 28 June. Visit www.mhs.nsw.gov.au and enter today!

Aunty Roma’s

Special congratulations to the recent graduates of Fairfield Hospital’s Aunty Roma’s Falls Prevention Program.

Aunty Roma’s program aims to improve access to falls prevention for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Named after Aboriginal Liaison Officer Katrina Sing’s grandmother who inspired the development of this group, the program is the first of its kind in the District.

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