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Gosford Hospital redevelopment moves closer to completion

The NSW Government's \$348 million Gosford Hospital Redevelopment continues to take shape as construction of the 11-storey tower nears completion and work moves inside the building.

The last remaining tower crane was dismantled at the end of October and the scaffolding around the tower has almost been completely removed.

Central Coast Local Health District Chief Executive Dr Andrew Montague said this marked an important step in the redevelopment as the focus moved to internal work.

"Once the scaffolding came down to unveil the façade of the new tower you could see just how far work has progressed," he said.

"The finishing touches are now being applied inside the new tower and we are heading towards handover of the building and preparing the facility for our staff to move in and get ready for our first patients."

Internal work is all but complete up to level five while levels six to nine are being fitted-out.

"The lower levels look fantastic and work on the upper levels is well underway as the staff stations, shelves, light switches and other bits and pieces are installed," Dr Montague said.

"Work on the roof on level ten is also close to being completed and the final slab has been poured on the link to the helipad."

Dr Montague said construction of the new \$35.5 million, multi-storey car park in Holden Street had also begun.

"The new multi-storey car park is set to double our existing parking capacity with 800 additional spaces," Dr Montague said.

"It is expected construction of the car park will be completed by late 2018."

Work to expand the operating theatres is currently being carried out above the old main entry so access to the hospital and Emergency Department is now via one single (temporary) entry point.

"Signs are in place to help guide patients and visitors and a security officer is also on-hand from 7am to 7.30pm each day to help people in the drop off/pick up zone," Dr Montague said.

"We appreciate the community's understanding and patience as we carry out this important work to transform our hospital."

The new hospital tower is on track for work to be completed by mid-2018 and the entire redevelopment project is expected to be finished by late 2019.

Fast facts

- 16,000m³ of concrete has been poured during construction. This is around 7000 tonnes or 1200 African elephants
- 39,500m² of vinyl, equivalent to 10 soccer fields, has been installed throughout the new hospital providing seamless, hard wearing and easy to clean flooring (and wall covering)
- The new building contains 650,000m of cable which is around the same distance as a return trip from Gosford to Port Macquarie
- Each suite in our Birthing Unit on level five will have a new birthing bath specially designed for use during labour
- our Intensive Care Unit on level six will have the largest windows of any new hospital built in NSW

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