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Demolition kick-starts Gosford Hospital redevelopment

Demolition has commenced on numerous buildings at Gosford Hospital, marking an exciting new phase of the \$368 million redevelopment.

Central Coast Local Health District (the District) Chief Executive Matt Hanrahan said up to eight existing structures would be removed over the next three months.

“Gosford Hospital’s redevelopment is stepping up a gear in the first quarter of 2016 as we head towards the construction of this project,” he said.

“The start of demolition is a significant milestone in the transformation of the hospital as it allows us to make way for the new, modern facility to be built.”

Recent patients and visitors would have already noticed some changes to traffic and pedestrian access in preparation for the upcoming demolition works.

On 29 February Hospital Road became a *No Through* road, preventing vehicular access beyond the multi-storey car park onto Beane Street West, as the construction zone was established. There is also no longer pedestrian access in or out of Outpatients on level 3.

The multi-storey car park remains open and will continue to do so throughout the entire duration of the redevelopment with cars able to enter and exit the car park via Racecourse Road.

“We have hospital volunteers stationed at the multi-storey car park linkway to assist our patients and visitors with directions as these initial changes are occurring,” Mr Hanrahan said.

“We appreciate the community’s support and patience during these works which once completed, will have wide-ranging benefits for the entire region.”

Key features of the Gosford Hospital redevelopment include a new psychiatric emergency care centre; a new and larger intensive care unit; more operating theatres; expanded maternity services; a new paediatric treatment unit; a new rehabilitation unit; expanded cancer treatment services; more outpatient services and many more added services and upgrades.

Some of the buildings scheduled to come down in the coming months include the old mechanical workshop, former Education Centre, ICT building and Pathology building.

Noise and air quality mitigation measures are in place to minimise the impact on surrounding neighbours and ensure the safety and protection of onsite workers, hospital staff, visitors, nearby residents and the local environment.

For more information and updates on the Gosford Hospital redevelopment, please visit: www.gwhr.health.nsw.gov.au

Media opportunity: Demolition day

Interviews and photographs will be available at the demolition of the former Education Centre on Monday 21 March at 9.30am.

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