

The NSW Government's \$348 million investment in the **Gosford Hospital Redevelopment** is delivering a major upgrade in health services for the Central Coast community. Work is progressing on time as we come into the home stretch on the construction of our **new 11 storey building**.



The new Gosford Hospital is gradually unveiled as the scaffold starts to come down while work is underway preparing the site for the new multi-storey car park.

New hospital takes shape

While the scaffold starts to come down to reveal the new 11 storey building's exterior the inside is a hive of activity. On the upper levels staff stations are constructed, shelves erected and light switches installed while the lower levels are almost complete and undergoing the final checks to ensure everything has been built in accordance with the plans.

The design of the new tower includes a range of features to help reduce the risk of falls among frail and elderly patients including hand rails, ensuite sinks with level shelves and toilet seats that contrast with background colours for easy visual identification. Large windows also feature in all staff stations and patients rooms to give staff greater patient visibility in the event that a patient requires assistance.

As we farewell 'Lofty' the last of the tower cranes we move into construction of the new emergency department access road and ambulance bay. Once complete the community will use the same access road as ambulances when dropping off people to the Emergency Department.



Large windows provide improved patient visibility from staff stations

New emergency access road adjacent to the existing multi-storey car park



Maintaining access for patients, visitors and staff is key as the redevelopment progresses. A temporary pedestrian linkway (foreground) was installed from the multi-storey car park to enable easy access for pedestrians while the last of the old hospital building was demolished.

FAST FACTS



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 occasionally wall covering).

Changes to the hospital main entry

We are expanding the operating theatres above the main entry to the hospital and therefore we have relocated the main entry by a few metres so that it joins the emergency department access point. Signage is in place to help visitors and a security officer is on hand from 7am to 7.30pm seven days a week to help people using the drop off/pick up zone.



Drop off/pick up zone

10 minute parking

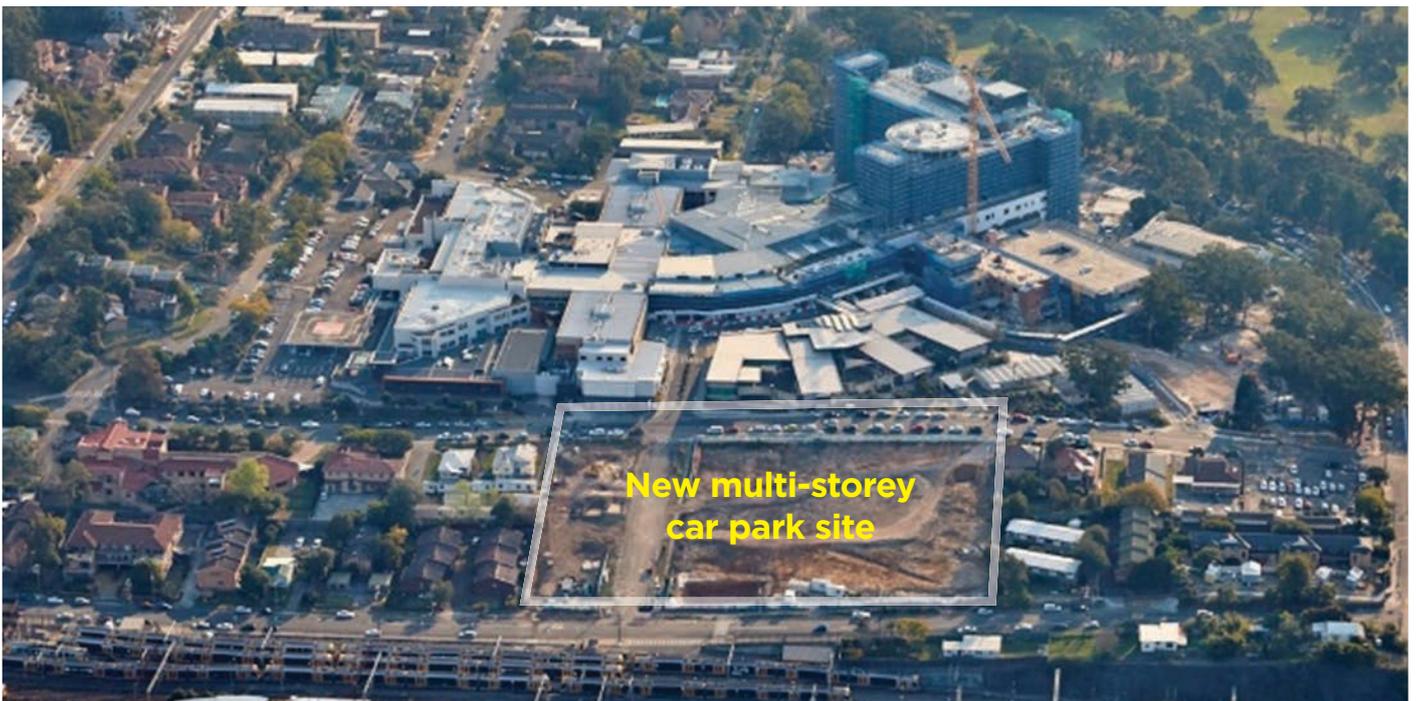
The drop off/pick up zone is intended for those who are dropping off frail or aged friends or relatives to the hospital and people requiring the emergency department. We ask drivers to move their car as soon as possible. We understand that this can sometimes take longer than 10 minutes. If you think you will be delayed, please speak to the security officer.

Parking is available in the multi-storey car park (via Hospital Road off Racecourse Road).

More parking spaces on their way

Construction of the new \$35.5 million, 800 space multi-storey car park has begun in Holden Street and there will be some short-term changes to on street parking to enable construction.

When complete, in late 2018, the new car park will more than double existing parking capacity at the hospital complementing the existing multi-storey car park.



The new multi-storey car park site is cleared ready for construction while the new tower soars skyward in the background.

Tower Talk



“I’m looking forward to working in the new building and having access to modern technology and equipment.”

Anne (Administration)



“It’s great to see the area get a bigger hospital with more services, especially in a region with such a large ageing population.”

Rebecca (Visitor)



“The big thing I am looking forward to is the new equipment and that the space will be all new and fresh for the women on the Central Coast. Maternity staff had a lot of input in the planning which is great.”

Kirsten (Midwife/Registered Nurse)



“It’s good to see the government are investing in the local area – it gives the community confidence that funding is going towards patient care and comfort. My mum spent time in hospital recently and I know how much bright, nice surrounds and natural light can improve patient health.”

Sean (Medical Officer)

The NSW Government's \$200 million **Wyong Hospital Redevelopment** will ensure our health services continue to meet the needs of the growing populations of Wyong and the surrounding areas.

The redevelopment is currently in the design phase with the redevelopment team simultaneously working on finalising the proposed locations of the different departments in the hospital as well as preparing the site for the commencement of the main construction works.





What's happening at Wyong?

Preparation has been occurring for enabling works to commence later this year to ensure that the site is ready for construction.

Enabling works are all the activities that are completed before the main construction works begin. The enabling works ensure there are no surprises in store (for example cables or pipes in the path of a proposed excavation area) when it comes time for the main construction works to begin.

Wyong Hospital redevelopment enabling works will include:

- installation of a new gas main to provide increased capacity for the expanded hospital
- building of a new fire services pump house and connections
- changes to internal roads on the hospital campus to manage staged works and improve traffic flows
- creation of a temporary new main entry to help minimise impacts on hospital operations where possible
- creating a new, ground level car park before the existing front car park becomes a construction zone.



2017

- » Site surveys and investigations
- » Enabling works commence



2018

- » Enabling works continue
- » Car park construction commences
- » Alternate temporary main entry established
- » New hospital building construction begins

What's the word @ Wyong?



“The expansion and redevelopment is going to be fantastic for everyone. It will mean health services will be more accessible for the community and an opportunity for new and existing staff to take on more roles and challenges across the District.”

Ben (Clinical Nurse Specialist)



“It's going to be very rewarding to see the facility expand and offer a modernised work environment with up-to-date services and equipment. I'm looking forward to seeing everything take shape over the next couple of years.”

Melissa (Senior Registered Nurse)



“I'm only relatively new to the Central Coast, but I've enjoyed doing my training here. I plan to stay in the area as it's going to be great to see the hospital expand and bring more opportunities for staff and the community.”

Robert (Junior Medical Officer)



“I think it's so great the government are investing so much into our region. The government have seen a need to expand the facility for our growing population which can only be a positive thing.”

Lorraine (Visitor)

