

Introducing the Project Management Office

In late November 2016, the Project Management Office (PMO) was established to support this exciting phase of growth in St John of God Berwick Hospital - the transition to Kangan Drive and the repurposing of the Gibb St site.

The role of the PMO is to develop and manage an integrated commissioning and transition plan, to ensure the necessary preparations are in place for a successful transition. This plan maps out in detail all of the work to be completed prior to (and immediately after) the move and the PMO is working with DMC members and individual teams to deliver the work under the four pillars of 1) Connected Leadership, 2) Our Building, 3) Our People, 4) Delivering Care as well as the Gibb St commissioning.

The PMO team come from Practicus and have all worked extensively in the health sector, and specifically in hospital redevelopment and relocation projects. They understand the challenges that hospital teams face in balancing their current workload with move preparations and are working closely with Caregivers to ensure that the transition is planned for and well supported.



Top Left: PMO Director Scott Gilbert
 PMO Team –
 Top Middle: Karolina Kisiel
 Top right: Julie Collette
 Bottom Left: Sarah Ross
 Bottom Right: Danielle Alford

Gibb Street Hospital Update: Introducing Sue Blake

Sue Blake recently joined the SJGHC team as the Commissioning CEO for Gibb Street. Sue has an extensive background in health care, including the commissioning of Casey Hospital and she most recently worked as an executive at RACV with responsibility for their hospitality operations and major capital projects.



A key part of Sue's role is to identify the ideal future use of the much loved Gibb Street Hospital, so that it will continue to serve the community, as it has done for over 75 years.

Sue is currently exploring future use opportunities and community needs. She can be contacted via email at sue.blake@sjog.org.au or by phone: 92781750 or 0410 077 092.



Above: The two tower cranes, Stork and Percy, will be removed during March. The cranes have been in place since mid 2016 and have become a familiar part of the the Berwick skyline.



Building On Berwick

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Caregiver Familiarisation Tours

Caregiver familiarisation tours have begun and groups of caregivers are now being introduced to the zones which will become their work spaces later in 2017. The aim of these tours is to ensure caregivers are familiar and comfortable with the new facility prior to commissioning to ensure an easier transition which is safe and enjoyable for the entire team.

There has been much excitement as some of our caregivers visit the site for the first time. There has been a sense of amazement as the teams finally get to walk through the building, still under construction, which has been planned and talked about for so long. The tours will continue over the coming months.



Building a *healthy* future



ST JOHN OF GOD Berwick Hospital

St John of God Berwick Hospital is currently an 86 bed hospital located at Gibb St, Berwick. It has held a special place in the heart of the local community for over 75 years, where it began as the Berwick Bush Nursing Hospital.

The new and relocated 210 bed hospital is expected to open in late 2017 at Kangan Drive, Berwick.

New services and facilities:

- 8 operating theatres
- 6 birthing suites
- Intensive Care Unit
- Cardiac Unit
- Cardiac/ Vascular catheter laboratory
- 350 basement carparks

The Gibb Street hospital is operating as usual during construction.

Following completion and relocation to Kangan Drive, new services will be offered at the Gibb Street hospital

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From the CEO

2017 has commenced and after many years of planning we can finally say – ‘Our new hospital is opening this year!’ In March our Builders will undertake the process of dismantling our 2 Crane Towers and whilst it will be sad to see them go it is yet another sign that we are edging closer to relocating our hospital and the services we deliver to our community. The cranes have been an iconic visual land mark and I have been delighted to hear from caregivers, doctors and community members who have shared that they can see the cranes from their home.

Our redevelopment team are well underway with their negotiating and purchasing of new equipment ready to be delivered once the building is handed over. This is no small task with around \$10 million dollars in new equipment to be purchased.

Our next big step is to commence our review of staffing requirements. This is over every area of the hospital including kitchen, maintenance, environmental, office, administration as well as the full range of clinical staff. Our Workforce plan is informed by our activity projections and identifies when we need to appoint new caregivers. Group Workforce team have been assisting us and going forward their work will be vital to ensure a smooth recruitment program.

Even with all that is happening at Kangan drive, we have not taken our eye off running our current services at Gibb Street. We are reviewing processes to optimise efficiency prior to relocation and the planned significant growth. Our Compassionate Care committee is working hard on some innovative ideas to ensure we remember the essence of our distinctive care. In March we will be able to share with you the work this incredible team of individuals have created.

Our surgeons have been asked to nominate new operating list requests for the new facility which has resulted in significantly higher demand than we originally anticipated. This is an exceptionally positive sign that each and every one of you should be proud of as it endorses the work that we do. In a first for Berwick we have just purchased and commenced using the Stryker robot MAKO which allows accredited Orthopaedic Surgeons the ability to perform robotically assisted partial knee replacements. This innovative surgical technique signals our commitment to be a leader in the delivery of Orthopaedic services in our region.

Finally we have commenced Caregiver Familiarisation tours onsite and it has been wonderful to watch caregivers seeing their new departments for the first time. It is incredible to see the faces and watch the expressions whilst onsite and I would like to thank Caregivers for taking the time to come down and participate in this important process. I would also like to thank Allison Merrigan for her passion and leadership and the great team at Hansen Yuncken for allowing this to happen.

Lisa Norman
St John of God Berwick Hospital CEO

Below: CEO Lisa Norman in front of the space her office will be located on Ground Floor



The gardens



Above: Communal outdoor area for patients and visitors with children’s playground

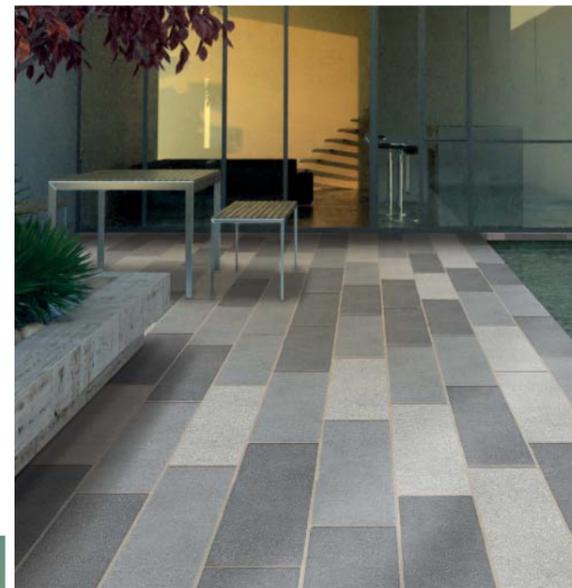


Above: Native Australian foliage and the SJGHC symbol, the pomegranate, will feature heavily



Above: *left* Wood features heavily in the outdoor landscape. *right* Elements of the children’s playground

Below: Paving and courtyard spaces and swatches of exterior colours and materials.



All about the hospital exterior

The hospital exterior will be an eye catching and aesthetically pleasing combination of natural beauty and structural innovation.

The beautiful blue and green tones of the exterior glass panels which encase the new St John of God Berwick Hospital are an eye catching mosaic of colour. The effect is almost like Mother of Pearl, with different undertones appearing in different light and at different times of the day. The large 7 story facility (including 2 level basement carpark) is the tallest building in the area and is visible from afar.

The hospital has been well designed and carefully planned with patient, caregiver and visitor comfort in mind. The outdoor spaces will feature foliage specifically selected for its visual beauty and is based on the local native landscape. A children’s playground will provide a safe and beautiful space for children to run and play within a landscaped zone. Modern planter boxes will feature throughout the entire exterior of the facility, allowing for the natural beauty of plant life to be an integral part of the outdoor spaces.

Our research tells us that fresh air and access to a natural outdoor setting enhances patient wellbeing and healing and this has very much been top of mind during the design process. A reflection garden will be accessible outside the chapel on the ground floor. This space will be a quiet area for contemplation and relaxation and will also serve as a location for group gatherings and events. A ripple pool pond will add the element of water and a beautifully designed Celtic Cross, a nod to our Irish heritage, will be a visual feature.

Two balconies will be accessible for visitors and patients. The Medical Ward balcony is conveniently located for Palliative Care patients and will be equipped with gas connections to ensure patients can enjoy the natural elements safely and with access to essential medications. New families can enjoy access to the Maternity balcony on Level 3. Research has indicated that our Maternity patients would see real value in having an area conveniently located to their room, where they could enjoy some sunshine and fresh air with the family during their stay. We have listened and included this tranquil balcony in the hospital design.

At the front of the hospital, there will be 2 undercover pick up/set down zones for convenient and safe entry to the foyer. Hospital executives, caregivers, doctors, patients, volunteers and community members have been consulted during the design process and the results of this feedback have been incorporated into a hospital design which not only looks appealing, externally and internally, but is vitally safe and functional for all stakeholders.

Pictured: The hospital exterior as it appears in early February 2017

