

Building On Berwick

Redevelopment Update #7
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Building a *healthy* future

Pictured: Abbie, Fiona and Maree (Medical caregivers) in the corridor of their new Medical Unit



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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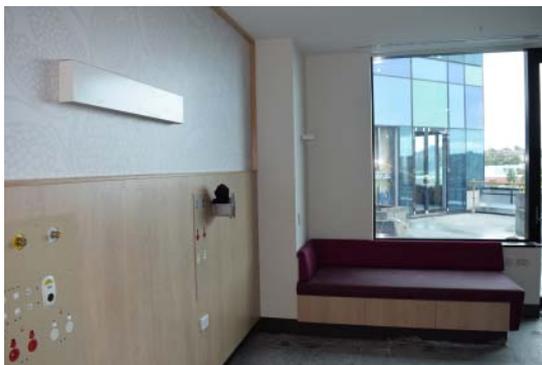
Prototype Room

A prototype patient room has been created within the new hospital. Much input from patients, caregivers and doctors has been taken into consideration in the design of the rooms ensuring functionality, comfort and aesthetics.

The prototype is created to allow these stakeholders to stand within a physical space and assess how the space feels and looks. It allows our clinical caregivers an opportunity to make sure that all the rooms are clinically functional.

The room looks impressive with a large window allowing for natural light and a built in bench seat with storage beneath. There is a lovely pomegranate patterned wallpaper above where the patient bed will sit, which adds a subtle point of interest. A deep shelf is positioned above the wardrobe where personal belongings can be stored. The ensuite is clean, bright and comfortable.

The prototype is an exciting milestone for the redevelopment team, serving as a physical result of much hard work and planning.



Progress Report

Our new home at Kangan Drive continues to take shape with over 250 construction personnel on site. The second and final crane has been dismantled and removed from the building. The handover of the Communications Rooms has commenced which allows critical ICT (Information communications technology) infrastructure to be installed on site.

The glass façade is mostly complete and with the roof in place, meaning the building is now watertight. This is a significant milestone in the program as it allows trades people to accelerate the internal fit-out of the building.

The Clinical Move Committee continues to meet to oversee all clinical matters relating to the move. Recent activity has focussed on:

- Designing the eight patient scenarios which identify the many simulations that will take place throughout during the patient journey and the caregivers and team members required to support each scenario;
- Undertaking an audit of patients to better understand the number likely to require transport on move day;
- Meeting with patient transport providers to plan the move, including routes, types and numbers of vehicles required;
- Completing the move plan including command centre staffing at each site on move day; and
- Meeting with our nurse call provider (Rauland) to design how we want the system to be configured, including escalations.

Procurement of equipment continues with all packages either complete or in progress. Recent achievements include the completion of trials on patient chairs, neonatal incubators and resuscitaires. GE Healthcare Loan Monitors have also been installed to allow commencement of caregiver training.

Current key procurement projects include tenders for shelving and non-clinical chairs and tables. The training plan and schedule for all caregivers is well advanced and is due for completion by the end of May 2017.

Detailed move planning continues with a tender currently out for a removalist to relocate the hospital. Planning is also advanced on the sequence and key activities to be conducted during the eight-week operational commissioning period.

It is an exciting time for all as the completion of the new facility draws near.

What is the commissioning process?

The move to Kangan Drive signals a new era for St John of God Health Care in Berwick.

The same high standards of patient care will be provided in our brand new hospital, along with an expanded range of services in a building that is purposefully designed to enhance patient wellbeing.

The safety of patients and the wellbeing of our caregivers during this transition are of utmost importance. Therefore, eight weeks will be set aside after the building is completed to 'commission' the hospital before our patients are transferred on 'move day'.

Activities to be conducted during the commissioning period include:

- Caregiver orientation and training (including training in all the building systems and equipment).
- Patient scenario tests and 'mock moves' to ensure the building, equipment and caregivers are ready for the move.
- Rehearsals of emergency response procedures.
- Connection and testing of all new equipment and ICT (Information communications technology)
- Setup of all clinical and non-clinical areas (including sterile cleaning and stocking departments).
- Building inspections and audits.
- Community events and opening ceremony.

An important part of the commissioning process will be the patient scenario tests. The patient scenario tests will simulate real life situations in our new hospital. They will test all clinical teams and the building systems and equipment that support them (including ICT)

to ensure that the hospital is ready to receive and care for patients. Move day will be preceded by a brief reduction in clinical activity in the week prior to the move in order to reduce the number of patients requiring transfer and to allow caregivers time for final training and preparations.

Recent audits of patient lists were conducted in order to understand the number of patients who will need some form of patient transport on move day. The current estimate of patients requiring transport is between 40 to 50. A mock move will be conducted in the final few weeks prior to the move to test the processes and systems and ensure the safe relocation of patients. Move day will also be followed by a gradual return to normal clinical activity levels. This staged increase allows caregivers time to get used to their new environment and ensures that patients continue to receive the levels of excellence in care and hospitality that define St John of God Berwick Hospital.

The move to our new home at Kangan Drive is an important time not only for our caregivers and patients, but also for our community. A number of opening events and ceremonies have been planned which will involve the community including the opportunity for a small number of consumers to provide feedback during the patient scenario tests to ensure that the patient's voice is heard.

It is an exciting chapter in the history of St John of God Berwick Hospital as we continue to meet the changing needs of our rapidly growing community.



Top Left: Framework for the front entrance and patient arrivals has begun
Top Right: Plasterwork and floor preparation has begun on the ground floor
Bottom left: Cabinetry in the Consulting area
Bottom right: A view through the front entrance frame to the St John of God Berwick Specialist Centre next door



When will new jobs be advertised and how do I apply?

The recruitment campaign will commence later in 2017. In the meantime, opportunities may become available at our current hospital.

Please visit www.sjog.org.au/berwickcareers and follow the 'employment opportunities' link to our e-recruit system.

There, you can create an account which allows you to register for the type of positions you are interested in. You will then receive email notification when relevant positions become available with instructions how to apply.

When will the new hospital open?

St John of God expects to take hand over of the new hospital in late 2017 with an opening date, following the commissioning period, yet to be confirmed.

What will happen to the current Gibb Street hospital?

We will relocate all services currently located at Gibb St to the new hospital in Kangan Drive. The Gibb Street facility will temporarily close whilst it undergoes a redevelopment of its own. The facility will be transformed into a Rehabilitation Hospital that will open in mid-2018.

Will there be a cost associated with car parking at the new hospital?

Yes. Prices will be similar to Casey Hospital car parking fees.

What will happen to Stephenson House when the hospital moves?

Our Consulting Suites and Pathology Laboratory will be relocated to the new Hospital. This creates an opportunity for new services in this facility.

Will the new hospital have an Emergency Department?

Not in this stage. Future planning has considered the addition of an ED.

Have another question? Email us at info.berwick@sjog.org.au



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Care to join us?

Employment opportunities at the new St John of God Berwick Hospital

Recruitment for around 200 new employment opportunities at the new hospital will commence in August 2017

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