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Redevelopment Update #8
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Progress Pics

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 100 years,

The new and relocated 202 bed hospital will open on January 18th, 2018 at 75 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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Left:

The external facade is virtually complete and is looking very impressive.

The blue/green glass panels are eye catching against the crisp white areas. The balcony areas are coming together with in built planter boxes and glass safety barriers soon to be installed.

Right:

Internally, fit out continues and some spaces now have carpet, shelving and cupboards. Other areas have more work to be done and are still awaiting plaster. The more complete areas on the ground level now give more context around the spacious size of the building as you walk through.



Left:

Concrete has been poured at the front entrance, providing a safe and convenient drop off and pick up location for patients and visitors. This area leads to the front reception which too has seen significant progress. This entrance area sees large glass panels, high ceilings and access to the cafe and pharmacy retail tenancies.

It's all in the detail

Much attention to detail goes into every little nook and cranny of this new hospital.

Paula Murphy, FFE Co Ordinator, recently spent time researching and sourcing chairs for the new hospital. A variety of chairs will be situated in our public areas, patient rooms, meeting and waiting rooms. She consulted with many caregivers, volunteers and patients who all gave their opinion on the comfort, quality and aesthetics of the seats.

We take the comfort of our patients, visitors and caregivers seriously as it aligns with our value of **hospitality**.





Care to join us?

With the hospital's opening date now set for January 2018, it is time to begin recruiting to fill in excess of 200 new positions in a variety of careers across the hospital.

A 4 week campaign will begin on July 17th to recruit more than 200 new caregivers to the new St John of God Berwick Hospital.

The existing hospital employs 387 caregivers. These numbers are set to grow once the new hospital, currently under construction, opens its doors on January 18th 2018.

A registration of interest portal was created on the hospital's website in late 2016 for those interested in gaining employment. Over 2000 individuals registered. The recruitment marketing campaign including social media, radio, print and internal promotions will capture the essence of what it is to be a caregiver at St John of God Berwick Hospital, including a unique sense of compassionate care that the hospital is extremely proud of. It is hoped that this will assist in attracting a high quality of applicants with the right cultural fit for the organisation.

St John of God Berwick Hospital is an employer of choice with a host of benefits on offer for successful applicants. It is estimated that there will be approximately 200 employment opportunities across the hospital including both clinical and non-clinical opportunities. Hospital management are pleased to be able to provide such a

wealth of new employment opportunities to the local community and to provide the chance for local residents to seek fulfilling and meaningful work closer to home. Currently, more than 70 per cent of our community travel outside the region for employment. Local councils believe this is having a significant impact on families. In fact, the new hospital will make St John of God Berwick Hospital one of the largest employers in the Casey Cardinia region.

New doctors will also be recruited to the new facility with the introduction of new services including an intensive care unit, cardiac care and a cardiac/vascular catheter laboratory. Over the past 12 months the hospital's Business Development team has engaged with their current specialist doctors to identify those who are interested in increasing their work at the hospital.

Discussion with a number of new medical specialists has also occurred and we look forward to introducing our new doctors to the community.

Applicants who require further information or wish to view employment opportunities should visit **sjog.org.au/berwickcareers**

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Redevelopment and relocation update

The announcement that our new hospital will be ready to deliver patient care on January 18, 2018 has generated a wave of activity at St John of God Berwick Hospital.

This wave of activity has included communications to all of our caregivers, volunteers and the wider community. It has also included contacting all maternity patients booked between September 2017 – 18 January 2018 to confirm that they will be the amongst the last families to welcome their new babies at the Gibb St hospital.

Planning for activities to mark the transition, to farewell Gibb St and welcome all to our new hospital at Kangan Drive is now underway.

Planning to ensure a safe move of patients and a smooth hospital opening is also well underway. With the confirmation of the move date, scheduling of training and orientation and the delivery and installation of equipment has commenced.

Clinical and non-clinical teams are meeting regularly to prepare for the transition, and to understand any changes to their work processes that the new building will bring.

All systems and work flows will be tested in real life simulations prior to the hospital opening, to ensure our caregivers feel comfortable in the new building, providing the same high standard of care on day 1 and beyond. Our compassionate care has been a feature of patient care at Gibb Street and we are committed to ensuring this continues after relocation.

The construction of our new hospital continues to progress well, with the beautiful glass façade complete and the building is now watertight. The concrete has been poured at the main entrance of the hospital off Kangan Drive, providing a safe and accessible undercover drop-off zone for patients and visitors. The inside the building is also being fitted out, with the lifts being installed, lights and power, air and water systems are now being connected and tested.



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Community Walk and Open Day

Sunday January 7th 2018

Save the date!

Participants will meet at Gibb Street and commence a commemorative walk to the new hospital at Kangan Drive, which will symbolically represent the relocation of our people, history and services.

Once at Kangan Drive, our Community Open Day will commence and celebrations will kick off. There will be family friendly food, entertainment and a sneak peek inside the new hospital. More information to come!

