

New heritage mural at Yass Hospital redevelopment showcases rich history

A new eight-metre long heritage mural within the new Yass Hospital redevelopment is showcasing 170 years of the Yass Health Service and its important place in the local community.

Health Infrastructure, Senior Project Director, Nic di Condio said the large wall mural, located in the waiting area of the hospital, features around 40 captioned pictures and photos and has been developed with the assistance of past and present health service staff and the Yass District Hospital Community Consultation Committee (CCC).

“The heritage wall will take visitors through the rich history of the local health service from the mid-1800s to the present day and provides an insight into how services have continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of Yass,” Mr di Condio said.

“From the opening of the first hospital in the late 1800s, construction of an infectious diseases ward in the early 1900s, its conversion to a maternity unit in the 1950s, to today’s recently completed development; the heritage wall highlights the change and advancement of health services for this region.

“It also acknowledges some of the many dedicated people involved in shaping and delivering critical healthcare across the region.”

Construction for the Yass Hospital Redevelopment was completed last year and opened to the community in October 2020.

The health facility features:

- continued access to 24-hour access to emergency care;
- a new Emergency Department with an additional treatment bay;
- a dedicated ambulance entry;
- an increase in inpatient beds;
- improved community and allied health facilities, office space and consultation rooms;
- ongoing access to X-ray services; and
- purpose built staff accommodation, landscaping and outdoor spaces.

The Yass Hospital Redevelopment was funded as part of the NSW Government’s \$297 million Multipurpose Service program to provide health and aged care services for small and remote rural communities.

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