Tenders have been called for extensions to Gosford Hospital expected to cost about £500,000.

The work involves construction of a three-storied 60-bed block.

It will include modern equipment and furnishings, a new kitchen block, operating theatres, X-ray and pathology departments, separate boiler house and a laundry block.

The Secretary of the N.S.W. Hospitals Commission (Mr. J. R. Stephens) said yesterday that tenders would close on October 20. It was hoped work would start this year.

The State Government was providing finance for the work.

The new building would almost double the size of the existing 65-bed hospital. It would be welcomed by residents.