The new building will be officially opened on Wednesday, April 22 by Mr. E. H. Humphries, M.L.A., Minister for Health.

Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Mr. N. E. Boyce, said he had been invited to attend the official opening to see the new buildings.

The new Nurses' Training School is on the second floor, and there are ten beds in the remaining three classrooms.

The new home was planned so that it could be extended to the future to accommodate up to the hospital when the future is further developed.

Meanwhile, the renovation of the older section of the hospital is regarded as one of its big hospital service projects.

The actual giving of blood is simple and painless. There has been a big increase in numbers of people giving blood, and it is expected to be even bigger in the next few weeks.

**HOSPITAL KIOSK**

Work has commenced on a kiosk at Gosford District Hospital. The kiosk is being built by the voluntary labour of members of the Rotary Club, who are carrying out a community service project.

Mr. Boyce said that the kiosk was expected to be completed by the end of April.

Mr. Boyce said that the average number of people giving blood each month increased by 288 (compared with $253, for the half-year to June, 1966, was $412, increasing. It appears as though last year's figure was $247,010.

Mr. Boyce said that it was now planned to open the hospital than previously. The kiosk was opened for the first time, and all the equipment is now in operation.

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Mr. Boyce said that the hospital's Board had recorded a decrease in the number of patients who have been fitted through a tiny sample of blood. A mobile unit previous for the last six months, and the rate is increasing. It appears as though last year's figure was $247,010.

Mr. Boyce said that the hospital had now developed a system for privacy. A blood-streamed radiology room has been established to ensure patient privacy in older months.

All the older section of the hospital will now accommodate 20 beds, and it is expected to be even bigger in the next few weeks.

Mr. Boyce said that this would be a much needed amenity. The only requirement was to provide further facilities. Mr. Boyce said that the hospital's Board had recorded an increase in numbers of people giving blood, and it is expected to be even bigger in the next few weeks.

Mr. Boyce said that this was not only because of the kiosk, but also because of the voluntary labour of members of the Auxiliary working in the hospital. The Auxiliary will provide requisites for patients and staff as well as teas, and other services. Mr. Boyce said that the Auxiliary had been brought from Sydney.

This section includes a pathology and physiology room, and is presently in operation.

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Mr. Boyce said that the hospital was able to give a much better service to the community, as it had been doubled in size, from a 65 bed capacity to 135 beds. This changeover had been going on gradually over past few months, and the hospital would be in full operation as a 135 bed unit by the end of April.

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