

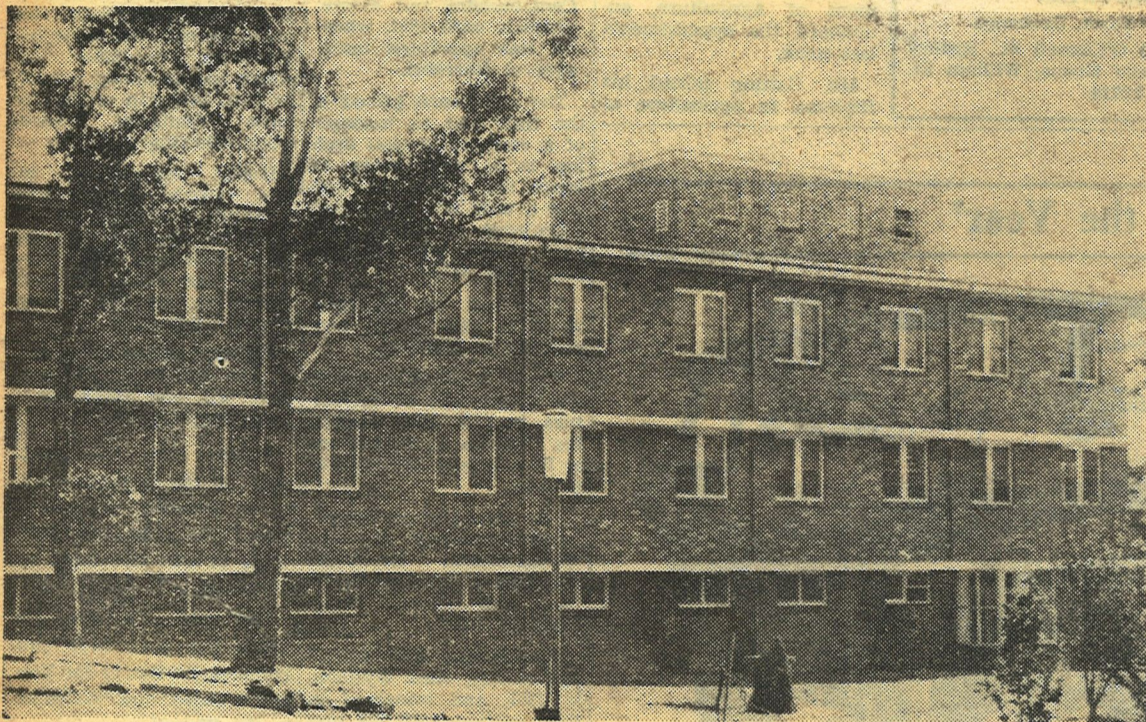
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MINISTER TO OPEN HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS

The Minister for Health (Mr. A. H. Jago) will come to Gosford next month to officially open the new extensions of the Gosford District Hospital.

More than 500 people are expected to attend the opening, scheduled for 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

Project exceeding \$1m.



Other official guests will include local Members of Parliament and their wives — Mr. and

Mrs. E. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. W. Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. H. Jensen. Members of the New

South Wales Hospitals Commission will attend and invitations have been sent out to many local organisations.

Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony will climax months of planning by the hospital staff and members of the board.

The contract price for the new building was \$842,000, but this figure is expected to reach \$1,000,000 with furnishings included.

Builders are Max Cooper and Sons of Sydney.

In addition to the extensive laundry and boiler room sections, the building is set out on four floors — basement, lower ground, ground and first.

The basement includes cooking and eating facilities with an attractive dining room for the nursing staff already furnished with small tables which seat four.

Near the dining room is a general washing-up area, a scullery and the huge kitchen itself, complete with the most modern of equipment.

All floors have ample linen storage facilities and are finished off with tiled floors and pastel-coloured walls.

Blood bank

The lower ground floor consists of the casualty wards, complete with waiting room, bloodbank, four clinic rooms, two well-equipped casualty theatres, scrub rooms, holding ward, isolation ward and dispen-

Extensive bathing and toilet facilities have been located in central positions throughout the wards.

The laundry houses washers, tumblers, hydros, a large linen storage space and a special room for the hospital seamstress.

The laundry is expected to save the hospital a great deal of money as well as providing fresh linen when needed most urgently.

Workmen are also busy outside the new building, landscaping the gardens and laying lawns.

An intake of nursing trainees during the first week in June will boost the hospital staff to help cope with the extra wards.

When the new building goes into operation the existing wards will undergo a complete renovation.

A new three-bedroom brick residence to house the hospital's Medical Superintendent is expected to be completed next month.

In the meantime the next step forward for the rapidly expanding hospital

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will be a new nurses' home in the hospital grounds.

This will be a four-storeyed brick building, including two lecture rooms, two tutor sisters' offices, a large demonstration area and several other utility training rooms.

Vital stage

In a letter circulated to local organisations the Hospital Secretary, Mr. N. R. Boyce, said that the

development at the hospital was entering a vital stage in relation to the needs of the district.

He said that although the extension doubled the hospital's existing capacity, the hospital was still far too small for the district.

He felt, he said, that a large attendance at the opening ceremony would lend emphasis to representations being made on behalf of the district.

The ceremony will be followed by a tour of inspection of the hospital additions and afternoon tea.