

Gosford Hospital: 'sought after post'

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GOSFORD District Hospital's reputation as a training ground for executive staff continues to spread.

According to Mr David Briggs, Gosford is a "much sought-after hospital posting for anyone doing administrative training."

Mr Briggs, the hospital's deputy chief executive officer, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer at Tamworth District Hospital.

He expects to take up the new appointment during the last week in June.

Mr Briggs is the fifth person from Gosford to gain top-ranking appointments in other areas.

He follows Trevor Ellis, to Camden, Kerry Cubis (Temora), Ken McDonald (Camden) and Graham Hyde (Byron Bay).

Mr Bob Bonomi recently left Gosford to become deputy chief executive officer at Griffith.

Mr Briggs said he regarded Gosford as a "very good training ground for hospital executives.

"The complex has a variety of size hospitals and trainee executives are known to be keen to be stationed here," he said.

Mr Briggs said it is his opinion that Gosford is a finishing-off hospital for training executives.

He said at Gosford they had the scope of jobs to be trained properly in all facets of administration.

"The experience the trainees need is at Gosford."

Mr Briggs said Gosford had links with other hospitals, particularly Hornsby, in the training of young executives.

One trainee from Hornsby spends six months at Gosford in an on-going scheme.

Mr Briggs said many of the chief clerks at Gosford have graduated through the Hornsby scheme.

He said the avenue had now been opened for Central Coast school leavers to train at Gosford as clerks.



MR BRIGGS

"They are taken straight from school, and rotated through the hospital's different administrations," Mr Briggs said.

Mr Briggs said he was looking forward to the Tamworth appointment.

Tamworth, with 300 beds, is the largest base hospital in NSW country.

Gosford, with 550 beds, shares with Hornsby the title of being the largest hospital in the northern metropolitan region.

Mr Briggs spent two months at Tamworth last year when the Chief Executive Officer was ill.

He has been with the Gosford Hospital seven years, the last four as deputy to Mr Neville Boyce.

Married with three children and residing at Lisarow, Mr Briggs has lived on the Central Coast for 10 years.

He was previously Executive Officer of the Community Health Services for three years and, at one time, was Manager of the Peat Island Hospital on the Hawkesbury River.

Mr Briggs has been chairman of the voluntary organisation, the City of Gosford Community and Information Service for the past three years.