

Official Opening

of

**STAGE I
OF THE PROPOSED
400 BED HOSPITAL**

on

SATURDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1980
at 2.30 p.m.

by

THE HON. KEVIN J. STEWART, M.P.
Minister for Health

Programme

2.00 p.m.

Recital — Gosford City Band

2.30 p.m.

Advance Australia Fair

Address of Welcome

Mr L. E. Hannell, Chairman, Board
of Directors of Gosford District
Hospital and Central Coast Area
Health Board

**Introduction of
Minister for Health**

Mr B. McGowan, B.A., M.P.,
Member for Gosford

**Official Opening and
Unveiling of Plaque**

Hon. Kevin J. Stewart, M.P.,
Minister for Health

**Vote of Thanks to
Minister for Health**

Mr K. O'Connell, M.P.,
Member for Peats

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF NEW BLOCK AND AFTERNOON TEA

CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Since November, 1976, the Central Coast has been a pilot area for the introduction of an integrated health service and is the first area in New South Wales where the Board of Directors has been expanded to incorporate the administration of hospital, community health and ambulance services. The Board of Directors has responsibility for these health services throughout the Gosford and Wyong Shires.

The administration of all health services as a single unit has proved to be successful and efficient. It is hoped that this concept is adopted in other areas of New South Wales.

NEW MAJOR EXTENSION

The opening of the new 120 bed extension is a landmark for the development of health services on the Central Coast. It provides the Central Coast with much needed additional hospital beds, a large modern Accident and Emergency Department and a substantial up-grading of surgical, plant, telephone and other facilities.

The new block contains three levels:—

- Level 1**
- Airconditioning plant
 - 2 oil-fired boilers for water heating
 - Diesel alternator plant for emergency power supply
 - Electricity sub-station
 - PABX equipment
 - Kitchen area
 - Tug motor room
 - Tunnel to existing hospital running under Beane Street

- Level 2**
- A Block
- Accident and Emergency Department
 - Admission and Discharge Office
 - Switch Operators' Room
 - Intensive Care Ward
 - Patient Transfer Area

- B & C Block
- Surgical Wards 1 and 3 (30 beds in each ward)

Level 3

- A Block
- 6 Operating Theatres

- B & C Block
- Surgical Wards 2 and 4 (30 beds in each ward)

BUILDING STATISTICS

Architects — Leighton Irwin and Company Pty. Ltd.

Engineers — Leighton Irwin and Company Pty. Ltd.

Builders — Girvan Bros. (N.S.W.) Pty. Ltd.

NOMINATED SUBCONTRACTORS

Mechanical Services and Airconditioning — T. O'Connor & Sons Pty. Ltd.

Electrical Services — Edmunds, Moirs & Co. Pty. Ltd.

Thermal Fire Alarms — May-Oatway Fire Alarms

Lift Installation — Johns & Waygood Ltd.

TIMETABLE FOR MAJOR EVENTS

- Preliminary planning commenced — March 23, 1975
- Completion of documentation for tenders — May, 1977
- Calling of Tenders — May 11, 1977
- Signing of building contracts — August 22, 1977
- First Sod turned (bulk excavation) — May 16, 1977
- Commencement of construction — September 5, 1977
- Laying of Foundation Stone by the Hon. K. J. Stewart, M.P., Minister for Health
— February 18, 1978
- Completion — January 1980

COST

Construction	— \$ 6.6 million
Furnishing, Equipment & Fees	— \$ 1.7 million
Total Cost	— \$ 8.3 million
Net Building Area	— 10,250m ²
Cost per square metre	— \$807.76

THE FUTURE

The Central Coast has one of the highest growth rates in N.S.W. and by 1990 it is expected that the population will have increased by 44,000.

In addition to this population explosion, there are other factors which place demands on local hospital beds:—

- the high ratio of both young and aged people in our population;
- a high accident rate due to the main highway;
- the augmentation of population at holiday periods;
- a high birth rate.

The Board of Directors of Gosford District Hospital is continually pressing for the provision of further hospital beds on the Central Coast. Planning for Stage II of the proposed 400 bed extension to Gosford District Hospital has commenced and a Developmental Brief has been prepared and lodged with the Health Commission for approval.

Work on Stage II is expected to involve both existing and new facilities.