
Official Opening

of

THE HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE

and

HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS

and

***Laying of the Foundation Stone of
STAGE 1 OF THE 400-BED HOSPITAL***

on

Saturday, 18th February, 1978

at 2.30 p.m.

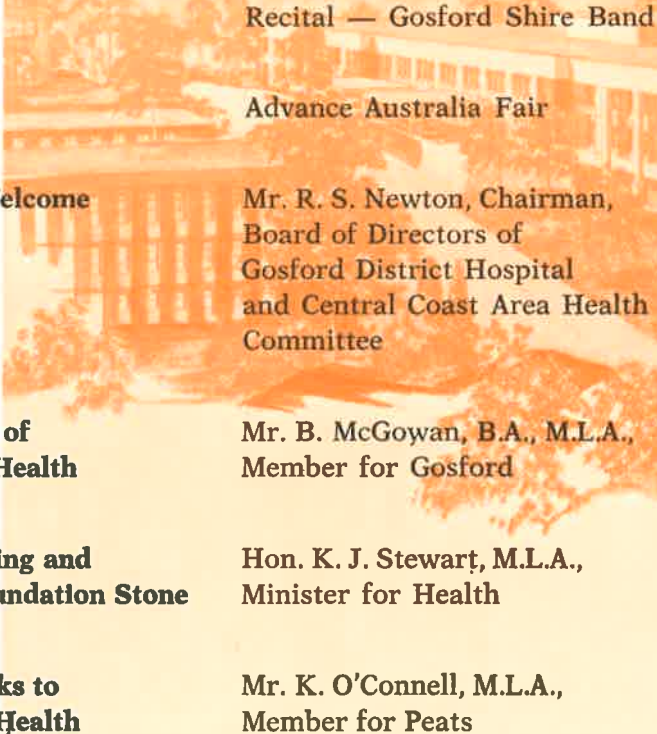
by

The Hon. K. J. Stewart, M.L.A.

MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Programme

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| 2.00 p.m. | Recital — Gosford Shire Band |
| 2.30 p.m. | Advance Australia Fair |
| Address of Welcome | Mr. R. S. Newton, Chairman,
Board of Directors of
Gosford District Hospital
and Central Coast Area Health
Committee |
| Introduction of
Minister for Health | Mr. B. McGowan, B.A., M.L.A.,
Member for Gosford |
| Official Opening and
Laying of Foundation Stone | Hon. K. J. Stewart, M.L.A.,
Minister for Health |
| Vote of Thanks to
Minister for Health | Mr. K. O'Connell, M.L.A.,
Member for Peats |

Public Inspection of new buildings and afternoon tea.

CENTRAL COAST HEALTH SERVICES

The Central Coast has been a pilot area for the introduction of an integrated health service and is the first area in N.S.W. where the Board of Directors has been expanded to incorporate the administration of hospital, community and ambulance services. The Board of Directors/Area Health Committee have responsibility for these health services throughout the two Shires of the Central Coast.

HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS

In 1974 the Health Commission of N.S.W. recognised that additional beds and facilities were urgently needed to allow Gosford District Hospital to cope until the major 400-bed hospital was constructed, particularly in view of increasing population of the Central Coast. It was decided that an interim building programme be commenced to ease the situation whilst awaiting major development. The interim building programme included:

1. Construction of a three-storey block above the existing kitchen, with expansion of kitchen/cafeteria facilities. The new block houses X-ray, Pharmacy, Clinics, General and Children's Wards consisting of an additional 50 beds. Construction of the block was carried out by McDonald Constructions at a cost of \$2,200,000.
 2. Extension to the existing Nurses' Home and Nurse Education Centre were necessary to cater for the extra nursing staff required to service the additional 50 beds. The extensions were carried out by Beattie & Frost at a cost of \$685,000.
 3. Construction and installation of an additional boiler was carried out by Hudson & West Pty. Ltd. at a cost of \$140,000. This was necessary to cater for the extra demands on steam generation on completion of the new projects.
 4. The Link Area, which joined two ward blocks, was extended to provide a Surgeon's Room, an Honorary Medical Officers' Room and additional waiting space for patients' visitors. Roofing was constructed over the Ambulance area, to provide weather protection for patients. The total cost of the project was \$67,000 and work was carried out by Beattie & Frost.
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HEALTH SERVICES CENTRE

In the early 1970's a Health Services Centre was planned, in order to provide the Central Coast with various health services which had previously been available to our residents only by travelling to Newcastle or Sydney.

The Health Services Centre which was completed in 1976 at a cost of \$1,367,233 by McDonald Constructions, provides space for many services including Child Health, Speech Therapy, Dental Clinic, Social Work, Community Nursing, Environmental and Occupational Health, Mental Health, Rehabilitation and Geriatrics, Community Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Diabetes and Stomathery Consultancy, Drug and Alcohol Counselling, Mental Retardation Counselling, Youth Counselling, Health Education and Community Health administration for various centres and sectors throughout the Central Coast.

Examples of programmes provided from this building are weight control, relaxation, parent effectiveness, cancer awareness, preparation for parenthood, child management, nutrition, cardiac rehabilitation, alcohol education and school health services.

STAGE 1 OF 400-BED HOSPITAL EXTENSION

Stage 1 of this major extension to Gosford District Hospital is being constructed to meet current and future needs for medical and surgical beds, and to alleviate pressure on existing facilities.

The extensions will comprise an Operating Theatre suite with six theatres, an Accident and Emergency Department, four 30-bed wards, Kitchen, Internal Transport Control, Admission and Discharges, Courier/Communication Area and Plant Room. Two of the three floors will be above ground level. A tunnel will link Level 1 of Stage 1 with the existing hospital and will provide underground cover between the two facilities.

Total cost of Stage 1 will be \$8,000,000, with completion date expected late in 1979. External features of Stage 1 will be pre-cast concrete panels (similar to Gosford Shire Council building) and brown anodised aluminium windows. Construction is by Girvan Bros.

Plans for Stages 2, 3 and 4 are not yet definitive, but will include service, administration and paramedical departments. Extra beds will be added, to give a total of 400 when the project is complete. Architects Leighton Irwin & Co., who have been associated with the hospital for many years, were engaged for these projects.
