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NEW SERVICE TO SPEED DIAGNOSIS

A new \$1million computerised tomography scanner service that will eliminate the need for patients to travel to Gosford for diagnostic tests was officially launched today by Member for Wyong, Paul Crittenden.

“This is a major boost for Wyong Hospital and for patients it will mean faster diagnosis,” said Paul Crittenden.

“Last year over 1,000 patients from Wyong Hospital were transferred to Gosford for CT scans.

“The ability to have diagnostic tests performed close to home will potentially alleviate the stress of traumatised patients, children and the elderly,” said Mr Crittenden.

CT scanners produce sectional images of the body enabling internal structures such as the brain, liver, lungs and bone to be examined and are particularly important for high-speed emergency examinations.

“Time spent undergoing a scan is reduced whilst diagnostic information obtained is increased through ‘multi-slice’ computerised tomography technology that provides multiple views of the body in one rotation,” said Mr Crittenden.

“A reduction in scanning time is especially important to those who have difficulty remaining still such as children.

Mr Crittenden said the new service would significantly enhance Medical Imaging capabilities at Wyong Hospital.

“Located adjacent to the Emergency Department at Wyong Hospital the CT scanner will be an integral tool supporting the expansion of the Emergency Department as part of the \$208 million redevelopment of Wyong and Gosford Hospitals.”

Funding for the CT scanner was provided through the Greater Metropolitan Transition Taskforce plan established to ensure equitable access to high quality services for those in the Greater Metropolitan area.

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