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MEDIA RELEASE

Patients and staff celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in the new Gosford Hospital Chapel

The new Gosford Hospital Chapel will echo with the sweet sounds of Christmas Carols as staff and patients come together to celebrate the festive season.

The Christmas Carols will be the first event to be held in the newly opened non-denominational chapel, which is part of the \$214 million redevelopment of Gosford and Wyong hospitals.

Chaplain Ken Shakespeare said the carols service is a chance for patients and staff to view the new chapel as well as celebrate the birth of Jesus.

“We should all try to remember the true meaning of Christmas and put our differences aside to rejoice during this special time,” he said.

Accompanying the carollers will be organist Bill Clarke, who recently retired from the Central Coast Conservatorium.

The old Chapel, which was opened in 1992 from funds raised by the Hospital Auxiliary, was decommissioned at a special ceremony on 9 November.

The specially designed stained glass windows have been relocated from the old to the new Chapel on Level Four.

The creator of the three windowpanes, Rod Marshall from Wentworth Falls, undertook the delicate task as well as carrying out some special repair work.

Once the new building is complete, the new Chapel will be located at the end of the new hospital Foyer, near the new Emergency Department and the new Coronary Care unit.

“The new Chapel will be easily accessible to the public. It is a comforting and inviting place that is available for reflection, meditation or prayer for patients, staff and visitors alike,” Reverend Shakespeare said.

“It is a place of solace and comfort in times of need.”

The redevelopment and refurbishment of Gosford Hospital is due for completion in 2006.

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INVITATION:

**MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE NEW GOSFORD HOSPITAL CHAPEL 2.30PM, THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER 2004.
PLEASE MEET IN GOSFORD HOSPITAL'S MAIN FOYER.**

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