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Go behind the scenes at the new Wyong Hospital

Have you ever wondered what an operating theatre looks like or how a hospital ward is run?

Members of the public have the chance to go behind the scenes and take a sneak peek at the new Wyong Hospital redevelopment on Saturday 5th February from 10am to 3pm.

The doors of the new building are being thrown open for people to view the new facilities and services before patients and staff are moved across to the new wards and departments.

Wyong Hospital general manager Greg Flint said the open day will give the public an insight into how a hospital works.

“The redevelopment has transformed Wyong Hospital into one of the most modern hospitals in the state,” he said.

“We are inviting the public to take advantage of this rare opportunity and take a tour of the new hospital.”

There will be tours led by staff members of the new facility every half an hour.

The open day will take on a festival feel with the Toukley Lions Club cooking a sausage sizzle on the day and the Wyong Hospital Auxiliary running a stall selling homemade cakes.

The Central Coast’s emergency services will also be doing displays and demonstrations out the front of the new hospital building and the hospital staff will be showing off the latest state-of-the-art medical equipment.

The area health service’s Health Promotion Unit will also be on hand to lend advice on quitting smoking.

The new building is part of a \$214-million redevelopment of both Wyong and Gosford hospitals.

Construction of the new \$86-million Wyong Hospital building began in 2003 and is now complete.

Wards, services and departments are being accommodated in the new building in stages with the relocation due to be finished by the end of February.

When fully operational Wyong Hospital will have 319 beds (this includes 14 nursery cots), increasing from 210 beds.

Features of the new hospital include a new Emergency Department, new medical and surgical wards, six new Operating Theatres, an extended Medical Imaging, Pathology and Pharmacy Service, a new Outpatients Clinics area and a High Dependency Unit.

The new services, beds and facilities will significantly reduce the need for patients to travel outside the area for care.

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