

MEDIA RELEASE

Hospital Staff captured by Students

When we think of hospital, images of nurses and doctors are probably what spring to mind but a new exhibition at Gosford Hospital hopes to capture the essence of staff from some of the lesser known areas of the hospital.

The exhibition by Fine Arts students from the University of Newcastle will run for the next month at Gosford Hospital's 'Arts for Health' gallery.

"The collection of artworks is a celebration of staff and, hopefully, will raise awareness of the service they provide," said Marily Cintra, Central Coast Health's Arts Planner.

Staff from the Central Sterilising Supply Department, Bio-Medical Engineering, Maintenance, Food Services and Support Services 'volunteered' to sit for the students whilst their portraits were sketched using pencil, charcoal and pastel.

Course lecturer, Andre Brodyk, said that whilst the students had to work quickly to minimise the disruption to staff they thoroughly enjoyed the project and appreciated the access they were given to such interesting models.

"Some of the models were a bit shy at first but they soon warmed to the idea," said Andre Brodyk, "being surrounded by several students sketching every detail of your face is quite daunting."

Accompanied by a brief background on each staff member and the work they do, it is hoped the portraits will bring a human face to the hospital and help the community to gain a better understanding of some of the behind the scenes work at the hospital.

The project is part of Central Coast Health's Art and Cultural Program to bring the benefits of art into healthcare.

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