

Northern Beaches Hospital

A small number of representatives from the Greater Manly Residents Forum together with residents from other local Community Groups recently took part in a tour of the new Northern beaches Hospital.

The tour was organised by our local State member, James Griffin who was keen to demonstrate that the hospital will cater for all community needs.

The building is very attractive internally with widespread use of maple wood and light and modern colours with subtle use of murals.

What was impressive was the amount of natural light that filtered into most areas of the hospital making for a warm environment.

It was pleasing to learn the hospital has been designed to be added to when needed. However, this will be some years off as the size of the facilities has been created using visitor records from Manly & Mone Vale hospitals over recent years, ensuring the hospital will cater for the community needs for many years

It has the second highest rating hospital, a grade 5, which effectively means it can cater for all types of medical procedures.

The hospital is designed with an emphasis on public needs with 60% for this sector and 40% for private.

Unlike older hospitals the public wards and rooms are on par with the private rooms. There is maximum of two beds per room and each is well equipped with it an en-suite.

There are many single bed rooms

Many patients will also have some lovely views to enjoy.

The Emergency sector is designed to quickly process and treat patients. One important element is that each incoming patient will see a senior doctor who will determine if the patient needs to be admitted to the emergency ward.

Given that 40% of visitors to the emergency department don't need to be admitted to the hospital this is a very important step to free up beds and fast track patients.

Mental Health occupies a complete level and has been designed to provide a pleasant ambience without the feel of any lock-up areas. Patients have plenty of space to relax in and their own eating areas.

The onus has been to provide the best possible environment for anyone suffering from a Mental Health issue.

The surgery areas feature the latest state of the art equipment allowing for all types of operations to take place at the hospital.

The maternity and birthing suites are state of the art and provide an extremely comfortable and safe environment for families to welcome their special new borns.

As we made our way through the hospital we were very impressed by the design and lay-out and we felt reassured that his excellent new facility will cater for the communities hospital needs for the years to come.

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