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WOY WOY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT BEGINS

Work is set to begin on the construction of the 30-bed sub-acute geriatric rehabilitation unit at Woy Woy Hospital, the Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner announced today.

The redevelopment is the result of a \$5 million commitment made by the NSW Liberals & Nationals prior to the state election, to provide rehabilitation services at Woy Woy Hospital.

In October last year the Federal Government announced \$9 million in funding for the new unit bringing the total amount of funding to \$14 million.

Minister Skinner said that the project includes a courtyard area to be used for therapy treatments, a gymnasium, as well as improvements to services such as kitchen areas, staff facilities, waste collection facilities and additional parking.

“The redevelopment has also been designed to enable expansion to meet future needs as Woy Woy Hospital develops,” Mrs Skinner said.

The Minister for the Central Coast, Chris Hartcher, and the Member for Gosford, Chris Holstein, took part in a ground-breaking ceremony at Woy Woy today.

Mr Hartcher said he was proud to be part of a government which had listened to the community and was returning vital services to the Central Coast.

“Labor closed down this facility without consultation, but the O’Farrell Government has kept its promise and is now delivering better services for the community,” Mr Hartcher said.

Mr Holstein said the NSW Government was getting on with the job of delivering on elections commitments for Woy Woy.

“The community campaigned hard for rehabilitation services to be restored, and the Minister came to Woy Woy, listened to our concerns, and has delivered for our community,” Mr Holstein said.

“This is a great day for the people of Woy Woy, and it’s great to have members of the Woy Woy Hospital Alliance here today, as they have been strong community advocates for the return of rehabilitation services,” he said.

It is expected that construction will be completed in April 2013.