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\$104 MILLION PORT MACQUARIE HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT OFFICIALLY OPEN

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today joined Port Macquarie MP Leslie Williams to officially open the \$104 million Port Macquarie Hospital expansion project.

Mrs Skinner said the redevelopment of Port Macquarie Hospital began in 2012 and has enhanced health services and delivered additional 12,000m² of floor space for patients and staff.

“It’s with great pleasure I can return to Port Macquarie to see this mammoth project finalised and the new hospital ready to care for patients,” Mrs Skinner said.

“This was a much-needed redevelopment in a fast-growing area with an ageing population. I have no doubt the new hospital will be able to care for patients for generations to come.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to enhancing the state’s health services. The expansion of the Port Macquarie Hospital will provide this community with an extended range of health services, giving local people access to modern quality care, closer to home.”

The \$104 million redevelopment of Port Macquarie Hospital has delivered an additional four floors and accommodates:

- New emergency department, including additional treatment bays and separate paediatric area;
- New seven-theatre operating suite to replace the existing four theatres;
- New two-room day procedure unit;
- New 34-bed theatre recovery unit (an increase from 8 beds);
- New cardiac catheterisation laboratory;
- New 24-bed critical care ward (an increase from 10 beds);
- New 30-bed, medical inpatient ward;
- Relocation of the existing 15-bed paediatric ward to the new building;
- An additional 200 car parking spaces.

Mrs Williams said the new Port Macquarie Hospital has been built for the future.

“This is a facility that will care for our community for decades. I’m told the expansion project has provided 800m² of expansion space to meet future demand,” Mrs Williams said.

“It is wonderful to see the dedicated staff at Port Macquarie Hospital now able to deliver their first-class care in a first-class facility.

“I am incredibly proud of the hard work carried out by our hospital staff and volunteers. Today is their day to celebrate too.”

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health Melinda Pavey also attended the official opening.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to ensuring rural and regional patients can access enhanced health care closer to home,” Mrs Pavey said.

“The redevelopment of Port Macquarie Hospital will benefit patients right across the Mid North Coast who will now have access to state-of-the-art health care.”

The \$104 million Expansion Project is jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments, with the NSW Government contributing \$8 million and the Australian Government \$96 million through the Health and Hospitals Fund.