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\$80 MILLION KEMPSEY HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Oxley MP Andrew Stoner today marked a major milestone in the \$80.9 million redevelopment of Kempsey Hospital, with construction reaching its highest point on the three-storey main hospital building.

To mark the milestone, a pencil pine tree was lifted onto the roof of the structure - approximately 22 metres above ground.

“Topping out ceremonies celebrate a special milestone in the construction of our health facilities. This one demonstrates we are well on-track to delivering a new hospital for Kempsey,” Mrs Skinner said.

“To date, 4500 cubic metres of concrete has been poured at the Kempsey Hospital site. This is a major redevelopment and one the community and staff can be proud of.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has invested almost \$5 billion in its first term to rebuild hospitals right across the state and I’m pleased Kempsey is sharing in this funding.”

Once completed, the Kempsey Hospital redevelopment will include:

- New and expanded emergency department;
- New emergency medical unit;
- An integrated community care centre;
- New medical imaging department with x-ray, ultrasound and CT services;
- New acute inpatient unit;
- New and expanded high dependency and coronary care unit;
- New operating theatres and expanded day surgery unit;
- Major expansion of renal dialysis services and establishing a new renal training unit;
- Major expansion of oral health services;
- New selected clinical support services;
- New main entrance and front of house services.

Mr Stoner said the new clinical services building is on track for completion in late 2015, with refurbishment works to follow.

“I’m incredibly proud the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has committed funding to make the Kempsey Hospital redevelopment a reality,” Mr Stoner said. “We can now see our new hospital rising from the ground and this will be a facility that will care for our community for decades to come.

“This is a community with changing and complex health needs and I’m pleased to see an investment has been made to look after our wellbeing into the future.”

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health Melinda Pavey also attended the topping out ceremony.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to enhancing our rural and regional health facilities so they can care for their communities now and into the future. Kempsey is a great example of this commitment in practice,” Mrs Pavey said.

“Kempsey is fortunate to have fantastic doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and others at its hospital and this redevelopment will mean they can care for their patients in a first-rate facility.”

A topping out is a European construction tradition which marks completion of the highest point of a structure and celebrates the work of builders and tradespeople.

The \$80.9 million hospital redevelopment project has been jointly funded, with \$40.9 million from the NSW Government and \$40 million from the Australian Government, through the Health and Hospitals Fund.