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\$6.7 MILLION SHELLHARBOUR AMBULATORY CARE UNIT OFFICIALLY OPEN

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast Gareth Ward today officially opened Shellharbour Hospital's new ambulatory care unit.

Mrs Skinner said construction began on the new unit in September and finished in May.

"It is with great pleasure I return to Shellharbour to see the completion of this important project," Mrs Skinner said.

"Our \$6.7 million investment in the ambulatory care unit has provided much needed additional space to increase the capacity of a range of services to better meet the needs of the southern Illawarra population.

"The new unit offers enhanced health services to Illawarra patients, including antenatal, diabetes and respiratory clinics, as well as pulmonary rehabilitation and podiatry services."

While inspecting the gymnasium area today, Mrs Skinner and Mr Ward met with patients involved in pulmonary rehabilitation and spoke to staff about the benefits of the new unit's services.

Mr Ward said the facility would care for the Shellharbour community for decades.

"This was a much-needed unit in a fast-growing area with an ageing population," Mr Ward said.

"The delivery of this vital service strengthens our \$251 million commitment to the major redevelopment of Shellharbour Hospital.

"We are absolutely committed to seeing work begin on this project in this term of Government, with work also underway on a number of health projects across the Illawarra."