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Community invited to new Emergency Department open day

Prior to its official opening in October 2014, community members are invited to a sneak peek of the new St George Hospital Emergency Department (Gray Street, Kogarah), on Saturday 30 August, 2014 between 10am and 2pm.

Cath Whitehurst, Director of Operations, St George and Sutherland Hospitals, said for the first time the community will be given the opportunity to see first-hand the new Emergency Department which when operational, will be one of the busiest in NSW.

“We have a proud history with the local community and inviting the public to the open day is a way to give back to a community that continues to support its hospital today,” Ms Whitehurst said.

“St George Hospital is a tertiary referral centre and is the Level 1 Trauma Centre for the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District meaning the benefits of this new Emergency Department will be far reaching.

“The new Emergency Department will be a significant boost for St George Hospital, which has one of the busiest Emergency Departments in NSW, seeing more than 67,000 patients (including 14,000 paediatric presentations) and admitting around 25,000 patients each year.

“St George Hospital is a community-based hospital in the true sense, with community support dating back to well before the opening of St George’s Cottage Hospital in November 1894.

“Some 120 years on, St George Hospital continues to benefit from strong community support with volunteering and community donations for the purchase of medical equipment, research and improved patient amenities.”

Ms Whitehurst acknowledged the outstanding services being delivered throughout St George Hospital by world-class clinicians and said the \$41 million development will further complement these services.

“The new Emergency Department will be of great benefit to families for many years to come and will boost the capabilities of St George Hospital in treating more patients at a time when there has been unprecedented growth.”

At the open day there will be tours through the new Emergency Department by staff, a band and cake stall. For details contact the Community Relations Department on 9113 2901 or visit: stgeorgehospitalproject.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.

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