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HIGH POINT FOR SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL

Health Minister Jillian Skinner was joined today by local MPs on top of Sutherland Hospital's new multi-storey building to celebrate the highest point of construction.

The \$62.9 million Sutherland Hospital redevelopment features a new and expanded emergency department, purpose-built Children's Emergency Unit, a new emergency short stay unit and expanded high-dependency and intensive care, as well as general medical and surgical inpatient capacity.

The building also includes hospital refurbishments, with additional storage space for theatres to increase efficiencies and capacity and expansion of the imaging department.

After 10 months of construction and almost 71,000 worker hours, the physical structure has reached its full height. Internal construction and fitout is expected to be completed by mid-2017, with commissioning to follow.

"Sutherland Hospital has always enjoyed wonderful community support and a reputation for excellent clinical care, though its infrastructure has needed an overhaul," Mrs Skinner said.

"I am proud this much-anticipated expansion by the NSW Government will deliver a state-of-the-art emergency department as well as many new and improved clinical services to serve the community well into the future."

The redevelopment follows a \$9.1 million multi-deck carpark completed in 2014 to provide an additional 300 car spaces and an additional 140-space, ground-level carpark to replace car parking spaces removed due to the expanded footprint of the hospital.

Local MPs Mark Speakman (Cronulla), Lee Evans (Heathcote) and Melanie Gibbons (Holsworthy) took part in today's "topping out" ceremony - a European construction tradition in which a tree is raised to the top of a building when it reaches its full height.

The tree used in the ceremony - a native bloodwood - will be planted in the hospital grounds when the project is complete.

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