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New health facility opens in Kiama

A new \$3.6 million purpose-built community health facility has opened in Kiama, giving local patients improved access to a range of specialist health services, replacing outdated facilities on the old Kiama Hospital site.

The new complex is built on a portion of the old site and part of the \$45 million Kiama Hospital Redevelopment project. The project includes an aged care development led by Kiama Council, following the purchase of the remainder of the land.

ISLHD Chief Executive Margot Mains today joined Member for Kiama, Gareth Ward, in officially opening the *Kiama Integrated Primary and Community Health Centre (IPCHC)*, which will deliver services including dental, physiotherapy and specialist clinics.

“The District is delighted to welcome the newest addition to our network of services. It means locals will now be able to access a brand new centre that delivers outpatient services ranging from early childhood right through to aged care services in modern, comfortable and purpose-built surroundings,” said Ms Mains.

The Kiama Hospital Redevelopment project has received a total of \$8 million in funding under the NSW Government’s Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund, which was established to drive economic growth in the region.

The first patients and clients have commenced using the centre, which was opened following a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony by local elders.

Services that will be provided from the centre include:

- Dental
- Primary Health Nursing
- Violence, abuse and neglect services
- Physiotherapy services
- Diabetes
- Audiology
- Early childhood
- Podiatry
- Health promotion services
- Aged care services
- Immunisation clinics
- Specialist clinics

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