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Tweed Valley Hospital set to open May 2024

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The new \$723.3 million Tweed Valley Hospital is set to open its doors to patients on Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said the new health facility will provide state-of-the-art healthcare services to people in the Tweed Valley region.

"I'm so pleased to announce the official opening date for this major health infrastructure project, which represents a significant expansion of health services for the Tweed Valley community," Mr Park said.

"This new facility will mean around 5, 000 patients can be treated closer to home each year.

"I was really impressed when I toured the site of this new hospital in July, and I'm pleased construction will be completed this week on the main hospital, health hub and the multi-level car park."

Labor spokesperson for Tweed Emily Suvaal MLC said residents in northern NSW will benefit from a major boost to local health services.

"As a I nurse, I know how important it is for regional communities to have access to high quality healthcare facilities like this one, and this new Tweed Valley Hospital will be really welcomed by the community." Ms Suvaal said.

Northern NSW Local Health District Chief Executive, Tracey Maisey, said the opening date provides certainty to staff, patients, community members and stakeholders involved in delivering health services from the new site.

"The move to the Tweed Valley Hospital is the biggest whole of hospital move in regional NSW history, and it is important for the safety of patients and staff that we allow appropriate time for this process to occur," Ms Maisey said.

"We're excited to work together with our staff and our community to deliver a smooth transition to the new site from the moment the doors open."

Health Infrastructure Chief Executive Rebecca Wark said it was rewarding for the project team to achieve the significant milestone.

"We've worked through the COVID-19 pandemic, and the February 2022 floods, so the completion of construction is a milestone worth celebrating," Ms Wark said.

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The Tweed Valley Hospital development has supported up to 650 jobs throughout the life of the project. At the peak of construction around 75 per cent of workers were local to the Tweed and Byron regions.

Finishing touches on the landscaping across the 19.4 hectare campus and single-level car park will be completed in the coming months.

Hospital services will transfer to the new Tweed Valley Hospital when it opens on 14 May 2024. BreastScreen and some community outreach services will continue to be delivered in Tweed Heads, either at or near to the existing hospital site.

For more information on the Tweed Valley Hospital development, visit https://www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au/.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Link to the <u>latest video footage of the Tweed Valley Hospital</u>

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