

Yours for Life

Sydney Adventist Hospital has built a state-of-the-art facility to provide care into the 22nd century

The cornerstone of Sydney Adventist Hospital's \$200 million redevelopment, the new LW Clark Tower, is open.

The 12-story LW Clark Tower is home to a new maternity, women's health and children's unit, an integrated cancer centre and healing garden, and provides capacity for up to an extra 200 hospital beds, and 10 extra operating theatres.

With its existing facilities combining to provide the hospital with a total of 550 inpatients beds, another 300 plus day beds, and up to 24 operating theatres, the redevelopment reaffirms Sydney Adventist Hospital (the San) as the largest private and the largest not for profit hospital in NSW.

The LW Clark Tower complements the newly built multi-deck car park, which provides an additional 896 spaces, as well as the hospital's stunning new arrivals area and clinical education centre.

The redevelopment took almost 10 years of planning and just over three years to construct, and will cater for the 50 per cent increase in patient demand expected by 2026 by a growing and ageing population.

In keeping with other buildings and wards already named in honour of significant figures in the San's 111-year history the tower was named in honour of Chief Executive Officer Dr Leon Clark, who has been a driving force in the San's



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growth and its reputation as a centre of excellence.

"Our vision when we started planning this new facility over 10 years ago was to provide the best facilities to attract the best medical teams to provide the best care," Dr Clark said.

"The new San - our milestone \$200 million redevelopment - is the result. It equips us to care for our community into the 22nd century."

He added, "We believe it honours the pioneering spirit of the people who first opened a small 'Sanitarium' over 111 years ago as a place to care for people and promote healthy lifestyles. We hope we

have matched their vision - providing a state-of-the-art hospital for staff to provide care and to meet our promise to our community to be 'Yours for Life'.

"A highlight for us all, but particularly for me as a former obstetrician, is the new maternity unit. Babies have been delivered here at the San since 1903 and there's no greater reward for us than helping our community grow."

Maternity unit

Level 11 of the new building has been named after former Director of Maternity Wendy Wooller, who worked at the San for 39 years.



The Sydney Sanitarium, circa 1903 on site of today's Sydney Adventist Hospital

Left: Maternity Nurses with babies (about 1903)



“The unit is absolutely fantastic,” Ms Wooller said. “It is better than I could have imagined. The patients are going to love it, and so will the staff.”

The newly opened new maternity unit includes 56 architecturally designed private rooms with ensuites, partner accommodation, a nine-room birthing unit, two birthing pools, and well-baby and special care nurseries, as well as spectacular bushland views to the city.

The first baby in the new maternity unit was Georgia Hogan, daughter of Melannie and John Hogan, and sister to two-year-old Savannah, born in the San's previous unit.

The cancer centre

The new integrated cancer centre is designed so that stressed and vulnerable cancer patients have quick and easy access to all the X-ray and other screening or imaging, specialists, surgical and medical treatments, recovery and support services they need.

The San is the largest employer in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai region with over 2,200 nursing staff and 800 medical specialists. It cares for more than 230,000 patients a year providing diagnostic, acute care, medical and surgical treatments, cutting edge equipment, rehabilitation, education and research facilities. [PH](#)

Middle Right: Melannie Hogan and daughters Savannah, 2, and Georgia the first 'new' San baby

Bottom Right: 12-storey Clark tower named after Sydney Adventist Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Dr Leon Clark