

Official opening of Knox Private Hospital's new Emergency Department and Day Procedure Centre

The Federal Member for Aston, Hon Alan Tudge MP, today officially opened major new health facilities in Healthscope's multi-million dollar expansion of Knox Private Hospital.

Mr Tudge unveiled a plaque commemorating the new Emergency Department which will open on 16 March 2020 and the new dedicated Day Procedure Centre which opened its doors to patients on 28 January 2020.

At the official opening, Healthscope Chief Executive Steven Rubic said that as Australia's leading private healthcare provider, Healthscope was focused on providing exceptional patient care and quality clinical outcomes.

"Healthscope's multi-million dollar investment expands on the comprehensive range of medical, surgical, cardiac, and emergency services currently offered at Knox Private Hospital," said Mr Rubic.

"With this expansion, Knox Private Hospital will be one of Victoria's largest and most advanced private hospitals and will complement plans to establish a new Wantirna Health Precinct.

"The dedicated Day Procedure Centre and our brand new Emergency Department will enable our dedicated and experienced team to provide world-class care to local families," he said.

Mr Tudge said the much needed expansion of Knox Private Hospital will greatly benefit the Knox community and, more broadly, Melbourne's east and south-eastern suburbs and regional east Victoria.

"The new health facilities will really help support our growing community and will enable the great team at Knox Private to provide the best life-saving care when people need it most," said Mr Tudge.

"I am also pleased that the redevelopment has resulted in the creation of 60 new jobs which is great news for our local economy," he said.

The new Emergency Department is being fitted out with new state-of-the-art life-saving equipment and will provide a more private and secure environment for patients, staff and visitors. Located opposite the Mountain Highway entrance, the Emergency Department will have a new car park in close proximity, and dedicated facilities for paramedic staff.

The new purpose built Day Procedure Centre, located on the first floor of the hospital, includes two new endoscopy suites, three operating theatres and more patient admission and recovery areas. This will enable thousands more patients per year to access high-quality surgical treatment without having to travel out of the region. The Centre provides efficient first-class treatment to patients in specialties such as urology, gastroenterology, plastic surgery, general surgery, minor orthopaedics, and gynaecology in supportive and caring environment.

The introduction of the new Day Procedure Centre has also created more capacity across the existing 13 operating theatres in the hospital to extend the range of surgical specialties at Knox Private.

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The next phase of Knox Private's expansion will include an additional Cardiac Catheter Lab and an upgrade of original Cardiac Catheter Lab. Healthscope's investment will address the increasing demand for essential services, enhancing emergency and cardiac services, as well as increasing the Hospital's surgical capacity.

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Background:

Healthscope is a leading Australian private healthcare provider, operating 43 hospitals across the country, and employing over 18,000 people. Healthscope offers world-class patient care, including medical and surgical services, mental health treatment and rehabilitation services. The Knox Private Hospital is Healthscope's flagship facility in its eastern Melbourne cluster, which also includes Ringwood Private Hospital, Bellbird Private Hospital and The Victorian Rehabilitation Centre.