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Holmesglen Private Hospital under construction in Moorabbin

Holmesglen Private Hospital will herald a new era in healthcare for patients in Melbourne's southern and bayside suburbs, in a new partnership with Holmesglen Institute, the first of its kind in Australia.

The hospital, set to open in early 2017, is located on the original site of the Holmesglen Institute of TAFE Hemisphere Conference Centre at its South Road Moorabbin Campus.

Kingston Council approved the site development earlier this year and construction is underway on the multimillion dollar hospital, which will boost the economy and local jobs in the area.

The Hon Steve Herbert, Minister for Training and Skills, Cr Tamsin Bearsley, Mayor of the City of Kingston, Ms. Mary Faraone, CEO of Holmesglen Institute and Mr. Robert Cooke, CEO of Healthscope were recently on site to view the progress of building works. Minister Herbert also announced a redevelopment and upgrade of student facilities at Holmesglen Institute.

Robert Cooke explained that the development will provide a comprehensive, acute healthcare service for the residents of the southern suburbs.

"Holmesglen Private Hospital will comprise of 147 medical and surgical beds, state of the art Intensive Care and Coronary Care Units, as well as seven integrated operating suites, Cardiac Catheter Laboratory, a Day Oncology and significantly an Emergency Department", said Mr. Cooke.

The hospital will also include a comprehensive radiology department, pathology services, pharmacy and café, as well as a number of specialist consulting suites.

Cr Tamsin Bearsley commented "The new hospital will be a valuable asset for the local community. This development will mean local families will have access to important health services, closer to home."

The development of Holmesglen Private Hospital has been greeted with much enthusiasm and excitement from the local medical and health communities.

"There has been a great deal of interest from our current doctors at Como Private Hospital, as well as new doctors that are keen to consult and perform surgery close to where their patients live. The availability of critical care services at the hospital means that patients will no longer need to travel into the city to undergo more complex surgery" explained Mr. Cooke.

Como Private Hospital will expand its rehabilitation facilities once its medical and surgical services transfer to Holmesglen Private Hospital.

Cockram Construction is overseeing the development, which commenced in June this year, and will provide employment opportunities in the construction industry.

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Holmesglen Private Hospital is the first of two new hospitals for Healthscope in Melbourne's southern suburbs. Approval has been granted on the development of Frankston Private Hospital, with construction anticipated to commence in December this year.

The three private hospitals, Holmesglen, Como and Frankston will work together to offer a comprehensive range of hospital services to the community.