Gosford District Hospital has been going ahead in leaps and bounds during the past few years, and Saturday will be another important day in its history, when the new $300,000 extensions are officially opened by Mr. E. H. Humphries, M.L.A.

The new additions include a four-storey nurses' training school. The hospital's chief executive officer (Mr. N. E. Boyce), this week issued an open invitation to nurses and the public to attend the opening ceremony.

Planned for extensions

The new building consists of a nurses' training school on the lower floor, with 10 nurses' bedrooms on each of the remaining floors.

The nurses' home has been planned so it can be extended in the future to accommodate extra nurses when the hospital eventually reaches the proposed 300 beds.

While the new building was going up, an extension renovation programme was also undertaken in the old section of the hospital.

This included complete electrical re-wiring to allow the installation of night lighting, a radio system to each bed, a built-in cubicle screening system for privacy and a steam-heated radiator system.

Growth

Mr. Boyce said the renovations were a step further in the programme of continued growth.

When the first stage, officially opened 12 months ago, included a new ward block, casualty department, boiler house, laundry and kitchen block.

New services

With the completion of the renovation programme, the hospital was able to introduce additional services.

These included a blood bank, physiotherapy and pathology departments.

Added to the existing X-ray and pharmacy facilities, they make the hospital self-reliant, and equal with any major country hospital in the State.

The children's ward was also doubled in size and will now accommodate 20 patients.

Mr. Boyce said the hospital was indebted to residents of the Central Coast for their willingness to help, especially becoming blood donors.

The blood bank now has almost 1000 people donating blood regularly.

Pictured is the new $300,000 extension to Gosford District Hospital which will be officially opened on Saturday by Mr. E. Humphries, M.L.A. for Gosford.