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PAMBULA HOSPITAL RENOVATIONS

The renovation of a ward at Pambula Health Service will ensure cardiac patients can be visually monitored at all times when necessary.

Integrated Service Manager David Jeffrey said it is important to maintain visual contact with patients undergoing cardiac monitoring.

“We need to ensure the safety of patients during their stay at hospital. The simplest way to provide continual supervision to patients undergoing cardiac monitoring at Pambula was to install windows in an existing room near the nursing station.”

Nursing Manager Wendy Grealy oversaw the renovations and said the room was reassuring to both patients and staff.

Ms Grealy said: “With these modifications, we can visually observe a patient undergoing cardiac monitoring from many places around the ward. Admission of some categories of cardiac patients from the Emergency Department through to the ward will be possible now, with optimal patient safety.”

Ms Grealy expects patient stays to be more comfortable, with the renovation allowing patients restricted to bed rest to have the door closed while also being able to be observed.

“Having some extra windows also provides some visual stimulation for the cardiac monitored patient restricted to bed rest. This is an exciting change that is benefiting both the community and nursing staff.

“Our first patient requiring cardiac monitoring recently used the room. Mr Bob Cassie said he was very comfortable, grateful for the care he received and felt reassured he could be monitored closely by nursing staff,” Ms Grealy said.

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Caption: Mr Bob Cassie, first patient to use the new cardiac monitoring room.