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South Eastern Sydney Local Health District to open new dental service in Kogarah

Local public dental services will be brought together under one roof with the opening of a new clinic set to reshape the St George community's access to public dental care.

The new 12 chair, Kogarah Community Dental Clinic, located at 2 Belgrave Street Kogarah is currently under construction and is due to open early next year.

Dr Marianne Gale, Director Population and Community Health, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, said the new clinic will provide the community with improved access to high quality public dental care.

"The new clinic will deliver modern, multidisciplinary care to eligible residents of South Eastern Sydney Local Health District. Services will include general, preventive and urgent dental care, improved access to some specialist services as well as community education programs and outreach," Dr Gale said.

Eight dental chairs currently spread across three smaller clinics in the St George area will be brought together with four new dental chairs to create the large 12 chair Kogarah Community Dental Clinic. The existing clinics at Bond Street, Hurstville (adult clinic), Rockdale and Hurstville Public School grounds (child clinics) will close.

"Good oral health is very important for general health. Access to dental care, together with oral health education are essential steps in improving the oral health of our community," Dr Gale said.

"We are really excited to be able to deliver public dental care for the local community in a new, modern facility."

Dental services are provided free of charge to community members who reside within South Eastern Sydney Local Health District's boundaries and meet the eligibility criteria:

- All children aged 0-18 years who are eligible for Medicare.
- Adults (18 years and older) who are eligible for Medicare and hold (or are listed as a dependent) on one of the following valid Australian Government concession cards: Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

Public dental services can be accessed via the Oral Health Central Intake Centre, phone: 1300 134 226.

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