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## Manly Hospital's legacy to continue

Photos and Manly Hospital memorabilia dating back to the early 1900s have been donated to Manly Library, ensuring the collection and the many stories behind it are available to future generations.

The collection includes photos of the original Manly Cottage Hospital, the Manly Nurses Home and some of the hospital's first nursing groups. Images of surf carnivals from the early 1900s, the community wishing well along with a nursing graduation certificate from 1941 were also part of the historic memorabilia.

The transformation of uniforms over the decades can also be seen in a priceless album from the 1960s. The big white hats and formal black capes are clearly no longer part of a modern uniform.

Northern Beaches Health Service General Manager Frank Bazik said it was an important day for the hospital, with former staff joining members of the Historical Memorabilia Committee for the presentation.

"We are really pleased this large collection of photos and memorabilia will be preserved and available to the wider community for years to come. It means the many remarkable people who have been part of this hospital will be remembered and recognised.

"There are many wonderful stories behind this historic memorabilia and we're grateful it will be kept locally within Manly Library and available to future generations.

Committee member and former Midwifery Unit Manager Pam Rawling attended the presentation. Pam worked at Manly Hospital for 34 years, had her children there and helped birth more than a thousand babies. She looks back at her time at Manly with great affection.

"The maternity unit has always been valued by the community, with our compassionate approach to care having a huge impact on our patients. I'm sure this approach will go with the teams to the new hospital and be continued.

"I'm sure the very special culture at Manly will flow through to the new hospital, including the tremendous care for our patients and each other," Pam said.