

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital to become more environmentally friendly

A new recycling scheme will be rolled out at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital which will see an increase in the amount of recycled waste.

Staff and visitors are being encouraged to embrace the new dry-mix recycling scheme which will allow for more waste products to be diverted from landfill.

While the hospital has been recycling some of its waste for many years, the new program allows for many more products to be recycled.

General Manager Lee Gregory said new dry-mix bins around the hospital would now accept coffee cups, water bottles, paper and plastics, including soft plastics such as bags and uncontaminated single-use medical items and their packaging.

“We have always recycled, but we are taking our program to the next level by driving more waste into recycling,” he said.

“Our staff and patients have wanted to do more and by changing where we send our waste to be processed we can do more to reduce our environmental footprint.”

In coming months, the hospital will also launch the Return and Earn bottle scheme which will see the hospital raise money to go back into services.

“Recycling is just one way we can be environmentally friendly. There is always more we can be doing and I am looking forward to more ways our hospital can protect the environment,” Mr Gregory said.

Visitors and patients are urged to look out for the new bins placed around the hospital.