
Date October 2008

Local Art brightens up Hornsby's Mental Health Unit

media release

A mural incorporating four related art works is bringing colour and beauty to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital's mental health unit.

The new art work, titled "Hornsby Dreamtime," was designed to reflect the beauty and spirit of the local area and brighten up the ward. The mural depicts four aspects of Hornsby Shire - its bushland, waterways, community and the spirit of the area's indigenous heritage.

It was donated by Hornsby Soroptimists International and Studio Artes, which provides a range of creative programs for adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.

According to Anne Anthony, Nurse Unit Manager of the Lindsay Madew Unit, the mural will help brighten up a patient's hospital visit and create a welcoming and relaxing environment that patients can respond to.

"It is now widely recognised that art can improve the quality of healthcare by greatly reducing anxiety, stress and creating a more positive and happy environment for patients, visitors and staff," said Anne.

For further information please contact:
Debbie Eldridge 9477 9155 : 0404 020 330