
ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
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Health Minister to open surgeons' new Sydney headquarters

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The federal Health Minister, Tanya Plibersek, will tomorrow formally open the new Sydney base of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. She will be joined in the ribbon cutting ceremony by the College's President, Associate Professor Michael Hollands, a Sydney based general surgeon.

A number of College councillors and members of the College's New South Wales regional committee are also expected to attend.

The College's new rooms are on Level 26 at 201 Kent Street Sydney.

The College's regional chair, Mr Robert Costa, said that Ms Plibersek will be attending the event in two capacities. "In addition to being the federal Health Minister, and someone with whom the College works closely on issues relating to surgical care in our hospitals, Ms Plibersek represents the electorate of Sydney in the federal parliament – she is our local member."

"We are delighted that our local MP can be here to inaugurate our new headquarters. Given her busy ministerial schedule, her time with us is greatly appreciated."

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons is a not-for-profit organisation training surgeons and maintaining surgical standards in Australia and New Zealand. A Fellowship based organisation, the College is committed to ensuring the highest standard of safe and comprehensive surgical care for the community it serves through excellence in surgical education, training, professional development and support.

The opening ceremony will occur at 5:00pm tomorrow, Wednesday 1 August 2012. Members of the media are welcome to attend.

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