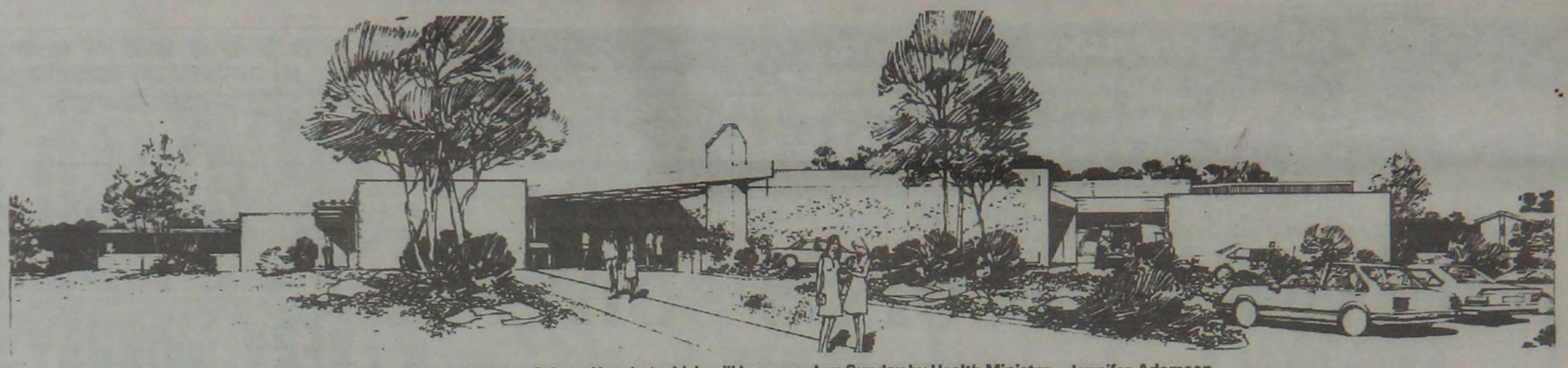

• A sketch of the new Central Districts Private Hospital which will be opened on Sunday by Health Minister Jennifer Adamson.

Health Minister opens new northern hospital

ADELAIDE'S newest hospital will officially open this Sunday, May 4 at 2.20 p.m.

Located in Jarvis Road, Elizabeth Vale, Central Districts Private Hospital is a 68-bed hospital, owned and managed by Hospital Corporation Australia Pty.Ltd.

The hospital will supply the surrounding region with additional new and modern facilities for surgery, medical treatment and diagnostic work.

The public is invited to witness the hospital's opening by Health Minister Jennifer Adamson. An open house will follow.

Patient accommodation is single and shared rooms, with a four-bed children's ward and high dependency ward.

All rooms are equipped with color television, individual air-conditioning units, and private ensuite facilities.

Three fully-equipped operating theatres, considered as spacious and modern as any available anywhere in Australia, are adjoined by an eight-bed recovery ward.

Pathology, radiology, pharmacy, diagnostic, dietary, laundry, administrative and other services are all provided within the hospital for the convenience of patients and to give doctors efficient support service.

Extensive car parking is available for doctors, staff, patients and visitors.

Throughout the design, planning and equipping of the new hospital, maximum consideration has been given to providing the comfort, convenience and attractive surroundings to which the private hospital patient should be entitled.

Equally, maximum consideration has been given to providing an highly efficient and modern equipped facility through which doctors can provide services for their patients.

The hospital has an attractive, completely private central courtyard with seating for patients and visitors and all patient rooms have excellent views of the courtyard or surrounding areas.

One innovative attraction is that patients who are sufficiently well and have the permission of their doctor and the nurse in charge may choose to take their meals in the hospital cafeteria rather than in their room, if they so desire.

The emphasis is on de-institutionalising hospital care and attempting, as far as possible, to remove the feeling of being confined to a ward or bed and make the patient feel a welcomed guest.

"A major portion of our effort," said Mr. G. Thomas Usher, managing director of Hospital Corporation Australia, "is to provide the facilities and environment which will help our patients feel better, more comfortable and more at home.

"In all of our hospitals we endeavor to create the climate and atmosphere which doctors would hope for their patients and which is conducive to a speedy recovery."

Hospital executive director Kevin Cruickshank said staff members had been chosen because of abilities they possessed which would enable the hospital to provide the highest standard of care possible for its patients yet with compassion, warmth and maximum consideration for the individual needs of patients.

While elsewhere in Australia cries are heard of hospital beds being in too great a supply, in the Elizabeth-Salisbury area now to be served by Central Districts, this is not the case.

As long ago as 1975, the State Government and medical community recognised that while Adelaide's city area had too many hospital beds, the northern and southern suburbs were significantly undersupplied. Thus patients and their visitors from these suburbs had either to travel long distances to the city hospitals or to wait lengthy periods when beds were not available at local hospitals.

In 1978, the Northern Metropolitan Regional Organisation and the Para Districts Health Services Advisory Committee released a report showing that the Elizabeth, Munno Para and Salisbury district had the lowest bed-to-population ratio in South Australia: 1.73 beds per thousand population — well below the World Health Organisation's minimum standard of 4.1, and the Australan average of 6.1 (Queensland having a high 7.9 and Victoria having a relatively low 5.5 beds per thousand.)

The Central Districts Private Hospital will therefore provide beds and facilities which are entirely complementary to the services provided by the local Hospital, Lyell McEwin. (HCA's policy is to develop and operate hospitals which complement existing services.)

"Our aim is not to compete with these services," said Mr. Cruickshank.

• The new hospital in Jarvis Road, Elizabeth Vale. Public invited to opening on Sunday.

About The Hospital

Central Districts Private Hospital is a 68-bed medical-surgical hospital with three fully-equipped operating theatres, a radiology section, pathology services, recovery room for eight patients, full dietary and administrative services, and offering single, shared, ward and intensive-care facilities. Construction of the $3 million hospital took eight months.

The South Australian Health Commission supported the hospital's development to meet the growing health-care needs of the surrounding community for a modern surgical hospital.

Fourteen doctors from the region participated in advising the hospital's developers and owners, Hospital Corporation Australia Pty. Ltd. (HCA), on what services, equipment and other hospital facilities were needed by the patient community. These doctors will continue to advise the hospital staff in their selection of equipment, staff, and services.

Hospital Corporation Australia owns ten private hospital throughout Australia and is a subsidiary of Hospitals Corporation of America — the world's largest hospital owner/management company and known for developing hospitals which are not only of the finest quality but also run at lower cost than comparable hospitals run by smaller independent groups who do not have the expertise or bulk purchase benefits enjoyed by HCA.

You Are Welcome

I and the staff of Central Districts Private Hospital hope that you and your family or friends will visit the new hospital and join in the opening ceremony.

The hospital plans to be an active part of the community scene and, as such, we would like residents to think of it as *their* hospital.

We hope to see you on May 4.

Kevin J. Cruickshank
Executive Director,
Central Districts Private Hospital

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