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An aerial view concept design of the Wyvern Private Hospital currently under construction at Terrey Hills.

Wyvern well on the way

Construction begins on Terrey Hills hospital

Work has officially begun on a new 84-bed private hospital in Terrey Hills.

The hospital, which was approved by the Sydney North Planning Panel in July 2018, will feature eight operating theatres, and provide high-end private surgery and treatment for cardiovascular, neurological, spinal, and orthopedic patients.

Architect Simon Hanson, from architectural firm Bureau SRH, told *Peninsula Living* work on the Wyvern Private Hospital is expected to take two years to complete.

"We are at the point where everything is in place and we're commencing

those early works on site," he revealed.

The four-hectare site at 35 Myoora Road, adjacent to the German International School, will also accommodate eight intensive care beds, a hydrotherapy pool and gymnasium and two levels of basement parking.

"We've got a radiology department, there is pathology in there and there's also a pharmacy and inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation," Mr Hanson says.

"The Northern Beaches is quite an ageing population. The projections that founded this hospital suggest that it's going to grow substantially by close to 50 per cent in the next few years."

It's been a long road to start

construction, with the project recommended for refusal by Northern Beaches Council before being approved by the regional planning panel.

Council raised concerns at the potential impacts to the Duffys Forest ecological community, the coastal upland swamp, and the population of Eastern Pygmy Possums.

Mr Hanson says there has been 'no stone left unturned' in the planning process, with biodiversity stewardship agreements, an 'extensive' plan of management and an ecologist regularly on site to monitor the environmental impacts.

"The escarpment and Duffys Forest are all going to be preserved and also cleaned up in parts through the plan of management's regenerative process," he says.

Mr Hanson says it 'took a while' to work through the infrastructure constraints of the site, with Terrey Hills connected to a town sewerage pumping station and Myoora Road often impacted by school traffic.

"We are dealing with the sewerage by doing it in peaks and troughs. It is stored and released into the system when it can cope best with it," he says.

"And while traffic is pretty constricted, we've got parking on site, and we've got deliveries on site. Nothing happens from the road other than the access for the public and staff car parks."

To view a fly through of the Wyvern Private Hospital plans, visit the Bureau SRH website. **P**

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