



Location: Central north
Built:
Date range: 1966 & 1973-74
Designer: YF Architects
Builder:



History:

The North Wing was one of three new blocks planned to be constructed in the 1958 plan put forward by Yuncken Freeman Griffiths and Simpson. That plan had three new hospital blocks; the east (No 1), the north wing (No 2) and the West Wing (No 3). Ultimately only the east and north wings were constructed and then many years apart. North Wing was to provide 176 beds at an estimated cost of \$1,252,000. Detailed drawings commenced in 1972 and work on site commenced in mid November of 1973 and in late 1974 the work on the shell of the building was substantially completed.

The North Wing was constructed over the footprint of the day hospital and it appears that it had been planned in that manner from the outset. Following completion it was realised that funds still had to be raised for the fit out of the building. Thereafter a funds drive was undertaken by the hospital to fit out the building with furniture and finishes. Of the predicted \$250,000 cost, the fund raising was intended to raise \$50,000 and in the event the drive was an overwhelming success with a surplus of funds being realised by the campaign.

Description:

A yellow brick building of 7 storeys of which the base was constructed well before the upper levels as part of the Day Care Hospital of 1966.

The building contains aged care facilities.

The base of the building is in a white cream brick with some variegation in the colour range. This section also has a concrete window shade hood along the west in the same manner as the earlier East Wing and no doubt if this building had been built earlier it would have had some of the same architectural imagery as the East Wing.

The intersection around the lower level of 1966 and the later building of 1973 can be determined by a close inspection.

The lower level also has aluminium window mullions and transom panels in the detail available in the 1960s, the upper levels have a later style of window transoms and layout.

The building contains offices, wards and laboratories on the upper floor.

Cultural Heritage Significance

Primary Historic Theme: Development of Bendigo Asylum

No significance

Historic Sub-Theme: Post War Development

Contributory historical significance in the development of the site.