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## Blacktown Hospital scores three international awards for rewriting the book on hospital design

Blacktown Hospital has won three major international health design awards, including “best international project”, in recognition of its innovative and creative ward and carer spaces.

Health Infrastructure and Blacktown Hospital expansion project architects Jacobs scooped the pool at the prestigious International Academy for Design & Health awards, held in Vienna this weekend. They were awarded:

- Best international project (under 40,000 square metres)
- Best use of art in public and private spaces, and
- Best interior design.

Health Infrastructure Chief Executive Sam Sangster said Blacktown’s new clinical services building features such innovations as new carer zones and see-and-be-seen ward designs, developed in consultation with staff, patients and carers.

“Receiving one international award is a significant achievement, but to achieve three prestigious awards from the International Academy for Design & Health is unprecedented,” Mr Sangster said.

“I am delighted to see this outstanding project representing the NSW Government and Australian innovation on the world stage. My sincere congratulations to the Health Infrastructure project team, Jacobs architects, HARC arts consultants and Blacktown Hospital on this major achievement.

“It validates our approach to design and the importance of great partnerships, great design and great consumer engagement.”

WSLHD Chief Executive Danny O’Connor said the colourful hospital design has become a local icon.

“It has been embraced by the community for its unique, instantly recognisable façade which reflects the diverse multicultural local community and literally challenged the stereotype that a hospital needs to be white,” Mr O’Connor said.

“This international recognition is proof that Blacktown Hospital is truly world class.”

The successful clinical services building design is also being applied to the new Stage 2 acute services building, to be completed by 2020.

The awards recognise Health Infrastructure, Jacobs architects and the Health & Arts Research Centre (HARC) Inc (in the award for public arts).

The Blacktown Hospital project now has a total of 26 nominations and 12 awards.

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