



'FLOURISHING' BY IAN BROWN IN NEW TREATMENT SPACE



ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF DIALYSIS TREATMENT SPACE

## Katoomba Community Dialysis Centre Staff Insights

A new \$4.7 million community dialysis centre at Blue Mountains Hospital brings essential dialysis services much closer to home for Blue Mountains and Lithgow patients. The new facility will include six spacious treatment spaces offering privacy and comfort for Western Renal Service patients.

### New Renal Dialysis Centre welcomed to relieve stress

Craig Lawlor has been among staff from the Renal Unit instrumental in planning the new Renal Dialysis Centre at the Blue Mountains Hospital. Craig brings over 25 years of nursing experience and is well known by patients at the Penrith Community Dialysis Centre at Lemongrove for his dedication to patient care. He looks forward to the opening of the new facility in mid-2019 as it will relieve the stress on current resources in the district and improve the patient experience for those travelling long distances to receive treatment.

### Current challenge

Many of Craig's patients currently seek treatment at the renal dialysis facilities at Penrith, with growing demands the new facility at Blue Mountains Hospital will provide a further six treatment spaces for eligible patients in the area. Receiving treatment closer to home will be life-changing for patients who require frequent dialysis treatment. The need for patients to travel long distances to receive treatment at Penrith will be reduced with a more convenient location available for people who live closer to the Blue Mountains Hospital at Katoomba. The Penrith facility will also have increased capacity to treat other patients once the Katoomba treatment space is operational.

RIGHT:  
CRAIG LAWLOR

Craig believes walking into a beautiful space can make people feel better.



### Comfort in our surroundings

Designed by staff and dialysis patients, the new unit features an abundance of natural light and uplifting local artwork to promote healing and well-being. Often spending more time with the medical staff at treatment spaces than their own families, Craig believes walking into a beautiful space can make people feel better. Local artist Ian Brown has designed a floor to ceiling wall artwork that wraps around the new treatment space, depicting a compelling bushland scene.

