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Arrival of the new Ruth Reid Clinical Skills Education Centre

Royal Perth Hospital has heralded the arrival of the new Ruth Reid Clinical Skills Education Centre.

The centre, which will allow staff to complete short courses on campus, was created through a \$500,000 refurbishment of the old WASON building on Wellington St.

In most instances, staff would have previously travelled to UWA to do this training, which created an impost on staff time.

RPH clinical services assistant director Dr Ted Stewart-Wynne said the Ruth Reid Clinical Skills Education Centre was a multi-disciplinary centre where staff can learn with confidence in a dedicated environment before treating patients.

“The concept is to provide multi-disciplinary training. In most cases RPH staff will run the half-day, one and two-day sessions,” he said.

The refurbishment included the purchase of new equipment such as CPR and other mannequins and the fit out of several training rooms.

The centre, named after one of RPH’s most loyal servants, allows staff to train in advanced life support, life support, manual handling, management of aggression training, Medical Emergency Team (MET) procedures and CPR, on campus.

Ruth Reid is chairman of the Friends of RPH Leaders Council.

Yvonne Zardins was the project manager to establish the centre. Her team included John Buchanan, Leigh Coombs, David Dawson, Heather Kidd, Judy See, Gavin Teague, Justin Yeung, Richard Tarala, Sandra Carr and Timothy Bates.

A function to launch the new training centre was held on April 11.

The Hospital also plans to improve the appearance and amenity of the outdoor area so staff based at WASON and those in training can enjoy breaks in an appealing setting.

Photographs available on request

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