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Noongar Elder Neville Collard with Hollywood Private Hospital CEO Peter Mott holding the ceremonial axe.

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A traditional Noongar smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country has been held where Hollywood Private Hospital's new Emergency Department (ED) is being built.

The ceremony was led by Noongar Elder Neville Collard, who blessed guests and the ED site, and told stories about the land where the hospital was built and Noongar traditions that took place in the area.

During the event, which was organised by builder Georgiou Group, Mr Collard also handcrafted a traditional kodj (axe), which he presented to Hollywood chief executive

officer Peter Mott.

Mr Mott said the axe would be on display in the new ED, which is scheduled for completion in September next year.

Hollywood's new ED will be the second private purpose-built ED for Perth and the first north of the Swan River.

In addition to the ED, three 30-bed wards will be built to accommodate emergency admissions.

The \$67.1million ED project is the final stage in a \$200million five-year investment by Ramsay Health Care to expand Hollywood.

Health Minister Roger Cook officially opened a major expansion of the hospital's mental health services on July 14.