WHAT’S IN A NAME?

Notice anything different about us this week? Like the Westmead precinct, the Westmead Redevelopment Project logo is evolving.

To signify the stronger commitment to integration, innovation and collaboration across the precinct and to welcome new partners, the Westmead Redevelopment Project logo has been updated.

“The dynamic linked triangles remain representing the transformation, growth, expansion, revitalisation, energy and advancement of services and buildings at Westmead,” explained director communications and engagement Nicky Seaby.

The tagline ‘Building health, transforming lives’ has been retained to signify building the capacity within our health services as well as the construction of the new building.

“It also highlights the transformation across the precinct for patients, carers, staff, students and the community,” Nicky said.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Over the last two weeks, we’ve spoken to more than 220 staff members about our early works, planning progress and the future of our precinct. If you haven’t already booked a roadshow presentation, call our office on 1800 990 296.

GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Site fencing* is on the way so get ready to see some major changes as you walk or drive to work. To keep pedestrians and drivers safe, our builders will soon be installing more than a kilometre of fencing and hoarding on the redevelopment boundaries as we get ready to start early works at Westmead.

It’s only temporary, of course, but it will have quite an impact on the look of the place. And if patients or carers ask you what’s going on, please give them an early works fact sheet.

*Image does not depict actual site fencing, people. White picket fences are just a dream and do not meet safety standards. It’s a stock photo so please don’t email when the shadecloth goes up.
NEW RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE BUILDINGS ON THE WAY

For many years The Children’s Hospital at Westmead has been working with Ronald McDonald House Westmead (RMHW) to determine the accommodation needs for families now and into the future.

Plans have been developed for a new multi-storey building with the development application (DA) approved by council earlier in the month. Some subsequent amendments to this are being considered over the coming weeks. The new RMHW will be located on land across the service road to Cumberland Hospital near the creek. It will provide accommodation for 60 families in the first stage of development and up to 100 families with the completion of stage 2. RMHW is an important part of the hospital’s service provision for rural and regional families. It provides much more than overnight accommodation, it is a home away from home that families so desperately need. The new House will have purpose built accommodation with enhanced facilities for all families.

Work is expected to start on the site in August/September. Initial works will involve remediation of the site with construction starting in November for stage 1, with completion planned for early 2017. As part of the construction, there will be a need to remove a number of trees including jacarandas planted when the hospital first opened at Westmead 20 years ago. Many staff will remember that they were seedlings taken from the jacarandas at Camperdown and planted by staff and families in memory of the hospital’s Camperdown history and to beautify the new site. Again, seedlings will be grown from the existing trees to plant elsewhere on the grounds.

Construction of this nature will have an impact. Every effort will be made to mitigate any inconvenience and keep the precinct informed of progress. Any immediate concerns regarding construction works should be escalated within the next two weeks. Ongoing consultation will continue throughout the period of the project.

Contact Gilly Paxton, Director Community Relations & Marketing with feedback in the first instance on 9845 2569 or email Gillian.Paxton@health.nsw.gov.au