Welcome change for short stay and older people in ED

The much-anticipated short stay redevelopment will begin in October.

This project will be the first clinical area to be redeveloped as part of the Westmead Project.

It includes expansion of the existing Emergency Short Stay Unit (ESSU) and the Healthcare for Older People Earlier (HOPE) unit to help meet increasing demand for services.

“The redevelopment will give us improved sightlines and more capacity,” said HOPE registered nurse Miao.

Staff and consumer representatives were consulted about the plan and their suggestions were incorporated into the final design.

“In HOPE, staff expressed a need for a higher proportion of beds for geriatric patients and we were able to accommodate that while also looking at the innovative use of chairs in short stay so we can retain flexibility,” said Westmead Redevelopment project officer Caleb Teh.

“Patients will be more comfortable and the area will better suit the model of care.”

The redevelopment will involve some demolition and noisy construction but work will be scheduled in a way that reduces the impact on staff and patients as much as possible.

“There may be some minor inconvenience from time to time such as corridor changes or noise. It will be short-term but people still need to be prepared,” Caleb explained.

Work areas and redirections will be clearly signposted, changes will be widely promoted and processes are in place if any issues arise.

“This is just the beginning for the redevelopment at Westmead.

“We need everyone to be patient and if there are any problems or issues relating to the works, escalate your concerns to your manager so we can resolve them quickly,” Caleb said.

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ESU nurses Marion and Giulia and HOPE nurse Miao are looking forward to a fresh start in their redeveloped units with construction due to start in October this year.

OTHER NEWS

• AW Edwards site shed installation on Institute Road for early works - drive carefully.

• Refurbishment for the Masters of Nursing (Graduate Entry) education area starts in October in the Clinical Sciences corridor. More info soon.
Welcome to the team from AW Edwards who will be delivering our early and enabling works program.

Their project includes the new open air oval car park to help us manage parking capacity during redevelopment, road changes and infrastructure works.

Their site office will be located on the old admin building site, so please drive carefully in this area and stay on marked paths.

AW Edwards contractors with our project team on site this week

Graduate entry attracts masters

The University of Sydney will offer its successful Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program at Westmead from 2016.

“We are delighted that the very successful graduate entry Master’s program that we already run at Camperdown will now be offered from the University of Sydney campus at Westmead” said Sydney Nursing School Dean, Professor Donna Waters.

“Our nursing students have undertaken clinical placements at both Westmead and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead for many years, including those enrolled in undergraduate degree programs.

“This will be a wonderful opportunity to extend student experience and opportunity,” she said.

The University of Sydney Graduate Entry Master’s degree offers real-world benefits to those looking for a professional qualification or career change.

“People who have already completed a degree can undertake this professional program and become eligible to register as a nurse in two years,” Professor Waters said.

“The health sector is growing rapidly in Western Sydney and is poised for huge future demand.

“Offering this program in Western Sydney means that residents of the area can largely complete their course requirements at Westmead and ideally be able to gain employment in the area in which they live,” she said.

For more information, visit www.sydney.edu.au/nursing/study/masters