Forget the Broncos and the Cowboys, the only team that matters to us is Team Westmead. Our team came together this week as part of a continuing series of workshops to improve communication between all the partners so we can communicate and engage more effectively with you.

Western Sydney Local Health District, Health Infrastructure, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, University of Sydney, project managers, contractors, architects and support staff performed well in the training session and have been declared match ready. Our grand final might still be a few years down the track but setting the ground rules is critical for such a large and complex process with multiple stakeholder considerations and many stages.

Our campaign is now underway with Stage 1 projects including Emergency Short Stay redevelopment and a new Acute Services building over the next five years. It’s a long-term campaign but we’re fit and up for the challenge!

What’s your role on the project?
Senior Project Manager for Delivery.

What are you working on right now?
A bit of everything! I need to stay across everything that’s happening in the delivery space right now so that includes the Early and Enabling Works, Short Stay Redevelopment, Masters of Nursing (MoN) - Graduate Entry, car parking and some other emerging projects.

This year, our team pledged to “always ask what matters most” as part of our Change Day commitment. What matters most to you on the project?
Given my commercial background a big driver for me is achieving value for money. To achieve value for money, planning and design decisions need to be based on what is best from a whole-of-life perspective. Incorporating the latest technology and innovations are also essential. In addition, the process for planning, design and construction will need to be well managed.

What do you think matters most to your stakeholders?
The key is clear and regular lines of communication. Stakeholders want to know what’s happening, when it’s happening and why it’s happening. Every stakeholder wants the best outcome for their respective interest, so it’s obviously a bit of a balancing act and challenging at times.

What were you doing before?
I was providing project management advice to the State Government for the delivery of WestConnex.

How long have you worked in health?
I worked on a health project in the UK – it was part of the Athletes’ Village for the 2012 London Olympics.

What was your first ever job?
Sales assistant at Rebel Sport.

Tea or Coffee?
Coffee in the morning and tea in the evening. I definitely drink too much coffee...

Dogs or Cats?
Dogs. I actually have a one year old Cavoodle (Cavalier/Miniature Poodle cross). In case you’re wondering it was my other half’s choice.

Favourite secret spot in Sydney?
For a relaxed Sunday breakfast I like to head over to Eighty Ate on West Street in North Sydney. For Friday night after work venue, Uncle Mings on York Street is always good fun.

Guilty Pleasure?
Online poker. Going to Las Vegas to play in the World Series of Poker is on my bucket list.

DID YOU KNOW?
Over 1000 construction jobs per year (direct and indirect) will be generated across the life of the project.