On Thursday our Future Leaders took a site tour of Baxter Healthcare’s Australian head office and manufacturing centre.

Having the Future Leaders involved was important as crucial change agents for the Redevelopment.

The team took away ideas about leadership development and how to support the innovation process in their own workplace. They also were able to see real time data used to monitor patient flow.

“The trip to Baxter was an eye-opening experience”, future leader Clare Lorenzen said.

“It was good to hear the science and theory behind process improvement and then see the impact of this in action. The attention to quality and safety in every aspect of their work was evident.”

Chair of Westmead Clinical Board Professor Peter Klineberg provided important support for the visit.

“The Baxter visit is a good example of how we can learn from others and it enables us to consider new partners in planning.

“I encourage our future leaders and others to go out and learn from other health services and industry”, Peter said.

Our project team and volunteer group representatives got together this week to discuss the design of a new information booth for the entrance to the hospital.

The development of this new space will address the needs of both parties and create much-needed practical facilities for the volunteers desk.

The booth will include information about the redevelopment and also give the volunteers a new working space with which they can better assist patients and visitors.

“Having a permanent area acknowledges the importance of the work that volunteers do”, volunteer manager Jane McDonald said.

The volunteers have also offered to help update current internal hospital maps.

“Better maps means better way-finding for our patients and visitors”, Jane said.

“Volunteers play a valuable role with a direct link to patients, families and visitors.”

As a preliminary point of contact for people entering the hospital, the volunteers are in a prime position to explain the continuing changes occurring around the precinct.

“We’re very much recognising the significant contribution volunteers will make as educators about the redevelopment for patients and visitors”, said communications director Nicky Seaby.

The Redevelopment will be looking to meet with the volunteer group regularly to discuss new engagement opportunities.

“Our next big focus will be the International Volunteers Day in December”, Nicky said. “We’re looking into some exciting ways to celebrate all the efforts of our Westmead vollies”. 

Left to Right: Westmead Hospital Volunteer Manager Jane with volunteers Pat and Jim and Project Team Communications members Nicky and Tim discussing designs for a new project information booth and volunteer desk.
Upcoming Precinct Works

We recently announced the new Acute Services Building will be located in a centralised location within the precinct. Works are underway to prepare the area for main works construction in late 2016. These enabling works will begin in November and run throughout the month on weekends. During this period there will be borehole test drilling around the fleet services car parking and on the ground floor of the NETS multi-storey car park and the surrounding area.

On site this week

Demolition continuing to run for the next 6 weeks.

AW Edwards site compound

FDC site compound for short stay & MON redevelopment.

Stowe Australia Compound
High voltage infrastructure upgrade works.

Lunch and rest area for workers in part of the old staff cafeteria - worker zone will be hoarded off.

Short stay redevelopment site Hoarding installation and workers on site - please take care.

Fencing is being established on the oval car park to link with existing fencing to cordon off the area.

Environmental and Geotechnical test borehole drilling on the ground floor of the NETS multi-storey car park and the fleet services car park continuing throughout November on weekends.