New Ways of Learning

The Westmead Redevelopment Education, Training and Research (ETR) Sub-Group benefited greatly last week from a workshop with Dr Jonas Nordquist, Director of the Medical Case Centre, from Karolinska University Hospital.

Dr Nordquist was invited by The University of Sydney to present to the ETR group as his research focuses on educational leadership and the relationship between physical space and learning.

The workshop focused on how Westmead can design innovative teaching and research spaces, especially in the new Acute Services Building.

Dr Nordquist spoke about the need for three key things: dialogue, visualisation and peer-to-peer learning, and how we need clinical spaces that support those three things.

‘The ETR group’s vision is that every clinical interaction is seen as a teaching and research opportunity’ said project director Deanne Turner.

‘So the challenge for the ETR group is to continue to determine how we create both a physical and cultural environment throughout the hospital that can support excellence in education, teaching, research and clinical care.’

First Car Parking Changes Coming Soon

This week we get our first view from the air of our precinct since demolition commenced on the ADHC site along Institute Road.

The new open air car park is due to be completed and open at the end of March 2016. You’ll be hearing much more from the project team about changes to staff parking on the precinct while we prepare the site for the construction of the new Acute Services Building.

Road Shows for Staff Return

The Project Team is ready to embark on another round of Road Shows to provide staff with an update on the planning process for the new Acute Services Building and the changes about to come for everyone’s favourite topic—car parking.

In the middle of 2015 the project team presented to over 500 staff across the precinct and answered many questions about the Redevelopment.

There is a lot of work happening around the precinct and the project team is able to answer almost any question.

We’ll feel like we’re living in a construction zone for many years, and we want to make it as smooth as possible for everyone on the precinct. The more you know about what’s happening the better.

The Concept Design phase of planning continues and there’s a lot that needs to happen before we move into the next important phase of Schematic Design. We want you to continue to be a key part of planning for the new building.

If you’d like the project team to present to your team and answer any questions you have please contact the office to book in a time—1800 990 296.
Important information about Site Investigations

Have you seen drilling around the place?

One of the many added benefits of the Westmead Redevelopment is that we can improve the quality of information we have about the precinct—including what’s below the ground!

This information helps us improve the design of our underground services and new buildings in the future.

Geotechnical engineers have been performing site investigations to obtain information on the properties of the soil and rock.

The map below shows where more drilling will be undertaken this week.

You may see some of the workers in protective suits for environmental hazards. Don’t be alarmed, we use industry best practice to ensure the safety of everyone on site.

Please follow directions from site staff if you are walking near the works.

On site this week

- Demolition for the new car park.
- Short stay redevelopment works continue into 2016.
- Geotechnical investigations around the campus continuing throughout November and December.
- Access to Oval is now closed until the new carpark is opened in 2016.
- Investigations for new helipad.

Drilling on Hawkesbury Road this week.
Multi-storey Staff Car Park Closure
10pm Thursday 10 December - 6pm Sunday 13 December 2015

Car Park 4 - the staff multi-storey car park beside the NETS base - will be closed from 10:00pm on Thursday 10 December to 6:00pm Sunday 13 December while geotechnical investigations are taking place.

Geotechnical testing involves a single large truck with a drill on the back that drills 200mm test holes in the ground. Each test hole will take a few hours, the hole will be backfilled, and the truck will then move to the next location.

This work is being undertaken during days and times where car parking demand is at it’s lowest.

Please park on other staff car parking areas while this work is undertaken.

Drive slowly and carefully, and follow instructions from site staff. Pedestrians, please stay on the marked paths.

Thanks for your co-operation.

WHERE

Car Park 4 (Staff multi-storey car park beside NETS Base) will be closed 10pm Thursday 10 Dec to 6pm Sunday 13 Dec