Light Rail Announced

On Tuesday Premier Mike Baird announced a new Light Rail Network for Western Sydney. The new light rail service will connect Westmead to the Parramatta CBD, Strathfield & Sydney Olympic Park. Speaking to the ABC, Transport Minister Andrew Constance outlined the values of connecting the network to Westmead.

"We have the benefit of linking it to the hospital, through the CBD, to Parramatta and of course to other major development precincts along the route," Mr Constance said.

Construction of the network is expected to commence in 2018 according to the governments announcement with a projected completion date of 2024.

The light rail is yet another part of the broader traffic and transport plan for Westmead. The Westmead Redevelopment team is working with a wide range of precinct partners and stakeholders on a range of transport solutions including public transport, major roads, walking and cycling networks to help create a more accessible, liveable and workable precinct.

Did you know?

The Westmead Redevelopment is delivering critical upgrades across water, power, gas and other essential services. The power supply to the Westmead precinct will more than double. We are also improving the quality of information we have about the precinct, which helps improve the design of our underground services and new buildings in the future.

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Augmented Redevelopment

The Westmead Redevelopment team is looking at exciting new technologies available to boost the consultation and engagement with staff, patients and community. Last week the Project team visited the offices of the Redevelopment Architects HDR Rice Daubney about communication and engagement opportunities for the project through augmented reality and virtual reality technology.

Augmented reality technology acts as an interactive digital overlay which can be manipulated via smart device technology whilst virtual reality technology allows users to become immersed in a virtual world using specialised eyewear.

The team had a session with the director of major projects Darren Tims to experience the tech first-hand and to investigate cost-effective ideas and options for use within the project.

We will be looking to utilise augmented reality ideas to showcase the new multi deck car park in mid 2016 so people can see how it will look before it is built. Using this exciting new technology will help us gain feedback from patients, carers, visitors and staff to help finalise the design.

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Celebrating Working Together

The Westmead Redevelopment pizza wagon rolled into Westmead Hospital this week to celebrate the success of Westmead staff and stakeholders working together during construction throughout the Short Stay Redevelopment.

Emergency, Geriatric Medicine, Imaging, The Sterilising Unit and the Radiation Oncology offices were treated to lunch courtesy of the Westmead Redevelopment Project Team on Monday.

Project Officers Caleb Teh (pictured) and Nina Cleary were on hand to deliver pizza to each department.

“It’s important that people realise that over the next five years there’s going to be many varied disruptions due to the project,” Caleb said. “A key focus is ensuring that staff, patients and consumers are all pulling together in the same direction in support of the project. It takes all precinct groups engaging with works in order to build something great.”

All the units have been patient while the works are undertaken so the lunch was an opportunity to take stock and the project team thanks everyone for their patience.

The Short Stay Redevelopment will be completed in March 2016. Until then we ask all staff to continue to follow site notifications and guidance as we prepare then new facilities. For more information on site disruptions in other precinct locations, please consult the site map on the back page.
Oval Car Park Works

The Westmead Redevelopment is committed to helping deliver a precinct that is workable and liveable. That includes green space for patients, visitors and staff.

During construction, there will be some removal of trees to make way for our new facilities. Replacement tree planting will occur for those lost as part of our commitment to developing quality green space.

The extensive replacement tree planting is being overseen by an arborist, Health Infrastructure and the project architects and will be completed by the end of 2016.

If you have any questions please contact the project office on 1800 990 296.

On site this week

- Short stay redevelopment works continue into 2016
- Geotechnical investigations around the campus continuing throughout December
- Demolition for the new car park
- Access to Oval is now closed until the new car park is opened in 2016
- Tree removal for helicopter flight path and car park preparation throughout December and January
- Reconnaissance works, but no disruption