Short Stay Unit Commissioning

It’s the start of a new year and redevelopment activity continues. We’ve begun to put the finishing touches on the Emergency Short Stay Unit (ESSU).

One of the most important steps of any redevelopment is the transition into the new space for staff. You will often hear this referred to as ‘commissioning’.

There is building commissioning – where the builders ensure that things like IT, power and air-conditioning are working. And there is operational commissioning – where staff prepare to work in the new physical environment. Tools may be in different locations, departments that connect with the service may be closer or further away, or there may be new equipment or technology in the work space.

This week building commissioning is being undertaken. This includes outfitting the area with Information and Communications Technology, office supplies and medical equipment.

Next week operational commissioning works continue with further orientation, testing and fire training.

‘It’s important that clinical staff become familiar with the new working environment prior to introducing patients to the unit’ project officer Caleb Teh said.

‘This is operational commissioning on a small scale compared to what we will need to do in preparation for moving into the new Acute Services Building. By taking a methodical approach to operational commissioning we can reduce the number of items that will need to be changed or modified after the unit is operational and we’ll reduce negative experiences and teething issues for patients and staff.’

The Short Stay Unit will be operational from 19 January 2016.

Other Works

Works on the new Masters of Nursing space are nearing completion with courses set to commence in February. This new education zone being built by the Westmead Redevelopment team will provide a shared facility for University of Sydney students and Westmead staff.

The new on grade car park on Institute Road continues to take shape. It is due to be completed in March.

Service works and upgrades continue around the precinct to set Westmead up for the future.
Important information on works

- Please be patient, there will be disruption on the campus over the next five years.
- Check signs around your usual parking area for upcoming changes as the project progresses.
- Follow instructions from site staff.
- Walk only on marked paths.
- Report any concerns or questions you have to the Project Office – 1800 990 296

On site this week

- Works continue to build the new car park
- Access to Oval is now closed until the new car park is opened in 2016
- Tree removal and earth works for car park preparation continuing through January
- High voltage works continue
- Short stay redevelopment works continue until mid January