Westmead Redevelopment doubles power to precinct

The Westmead Redevelopment will help transform the precinct into an innovative, contemporary and integrated centre, which will continue to deliver high-quality healthcare for decades to come.

The power upgrade has included improvements to the site’s two electrical transformers, introduction of a full power back-up and the installation of new technology for control systems.

Western Sydney Local Health District chief executive Danny O’Connor helped officially launch the upgrade.

“Rapid expansion of clinical and research facilities over the last decade has significantly increased the requirement for reliable power sources,” he said.

“In addition to current power demands, completing these preliminary enabling works marks the first step toward delivering the new Acute Services Building which will require an adequate power supply before construction can commence.”

“The new system will also be more cost-effective by enabling us to monitor and track power usage throughout the precinct and isolate areas of excess power consumption.”

“Another benefit of the new upgrades is providing better security for the critical hospital equipment against power overloads and shortages.”

“The new transformers and system upgrades will ensure our power infrastructure has the capacity to better meet current and future electricity needs across the campus.”

The switch-on is part of ongoing early project works, which have also included critical upgrades to gas and other essential services. For more information on the upgrades and other redevelopment works, visit: www.westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au

The Switch-On

The new High Voltage upgrades will:

- Be more cost effective by monitoring power usage throughout the precinct. This can include lighting, insulation and machinery.
- Better protect expensive hospital equipment and devices from shortages and overloads.
- Provide a safer and more robust back-up service in case of power failure.


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The next phase of planning for the Westmead Redevelopment is about to kick off as the Project User Groups (PUG) Chairs came together this week.

The chairs, affectionately known as the ‘PUG Champions’, represent some of our thought and clinical leaders and link the staff and patients into the design and planning work for the new hospital building and refurbishment works.

“Our Champions are very much engaged with the Westmead Redevelopment project,” associate director, strategic business development and commercial services Anna Thornton said.

“These people are working within their own clinical services as well as together to build better healthcare. They are excited about the planning process and the precinct of the future.”

This phase is Schematic Design and we focus on a wide range of areas, such as reviewing and refining the models of care, assessing the patient journey, incorporating education, training, research and technology in our planning and assessing how patients, staff and logistics flow through the service.

“A key theme for PUG champions and groups are looking at increasing networking and service cooperation between Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead”, Anna said.

Project User Group meetings will be starting next week so you’ll be hearing a lot more from your PUG Champions and the project team.

“It’s about creating a shared understanding of how healthcare should be delivered for the whole family, from the very young, to the very old.”

Watch the video on our website to learn more about the many stages of planning a new hospital building

Click here to see the video
Important information on our 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

Works On Site

- Disruptions along Institute Road continuing. Traffic control in place. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.
- Car parking construction. Access to Oval is now closed until the new car park is opened in 2016.
- Trenching for infrastructure upgrades.
- Disruptions along Institute Road continuing. Traffic control in place. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.
- Infrastructure upgrades underway.
- High voltage upgrade works continue.
- Due diligence investigations for proposed helipad.
- Short stay redevelopment works continuing for the HOPE unit.
- Works have commenced on ICPMR Roof. Cranes onsite in February.

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