Project Update
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The Project Team Is On The Road

The project team are once again organising staff information forums and roadshows to update staff on the next round of Westmead Redevelopment planning and construction works.

Last week saw the start of these forums with a presentation to the Westmead Hospital volunteers.

“The staff forums are not only a chance for us to showcase upcoming works and activity around the precinct but also an important opportunity for staff to raise questions and have those questions answered in an open forum,” communications director Nicky Seaby said.

“It’s a key focus for us to generate these active discussions around what’s happening and what will happen on the precinct to make sure we are communicating properly to our stakeholders.”

The next all staff forum will be held on 15th March 2016. The project team are also planning roadshows to outline specific changes for various hospital departments and services. If you would like us to visit your department, please contact the project office on 1800 990 296.

Hospitals Link Is The Way To Success

When works start later this year on the Acute Services Building, the linkway between Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead will be in the middle of a construction zone. It is to be demolished and may therefore need to close to allow the new linkages to be constructed safely.

“The potential disruption may be one of the largest during the project. It’s important we protect all of our patients, families, equipment and staff who use the linkway between the two hospitals,” project director Deanne Turner said.

“We’re going to have to plan in advance for this disruption and consider all scenarios. We need to demonstrate to all our stakeholders that alternative access options will be made available and that precinct integration can continue to increase.”

In order to address all of the challenges, a linkway project working group has been established. The groups members met last week to begin mapping out stakeholders, build a plan of work for consultations and start gathering information.

“The linkway project working group’s primary focus is to pull the information together so that all options and decisions can be assessed prior to any site disruptions. This will allow us to communicate the changes to staff and visitors. Maintaining linkages between Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead is vital as critically ill children use the linkway every day. We need to provide adequate access for the patients and carers. We’re going to ensure that all clinical and operational issues are addressed. We look forward to the future and having the new and improved linkway in place,” senior health service planner Halina Nagiello said.

“Ultimately the new Acute Services Building between The Children’s Hospital at Westmead and Westmead Hospital will strengthen connections across the precinct and create better service and patient care.”

A range of workshops will be undertaken over the next few months. If you have specific issues you’d like to raise or questions answered please contact the project office.
The new clinical sim-lab became operational last week with the official launch of the delivery of the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program at the Westmead precinct.

Graduates will now have the opportunity to study nursing at the Westmead health precinct with access to a range of clinical placement experiences across western Sydney including Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.

Both hospitals have been involved in the selection process for this first cohort of students.

Partnership initiatives between the University and the hospitals are well established, however this collaboration represents the start of a much larger integration plan.

Acting Chief Executive of the Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network Michael Brydon said “It’s an exciting time to be at Westmead as the future of the precinct - as a unified healthcare and education system - is only just being realised”.

Western Sydney Local Health District board chair Professor Stephen Leeder said the partnerships were critical to the future success of the precinct.

“I also want to thank the Westmead Redevelopment project team, who delivered the project on behalf of the university, and builders FDC who helped deliver the project on time and on budget” Stephen said.

Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Joanne Edwards, also praised the benefits of the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program and the educational and employment opportunities this provides.

“Nursing now joins the faculties of medicine and dentistry in offering programs at Westmead to meet the rising industry demand for graduates,” she said.

“The health sector in western Sydney is growing rapidly and we want to be the workplace of choice for graduates looking to start their career”.

“This is an opportunity for people to live, study and work in the west and to work in a health precinct that is internationally renowned”.

For more information about the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program visit http://sydney.edu.au/nursing/study/masters/index.shtml
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.
- Short stay redevelopment works continuing for the HOPE unit.
- Works have commenced on ICPMR Roof. Cranes will be operating onsite adjacent to the ICPMR works.
- Infrastructure upgrades underway.
- HV Upgrade contractor on site.
- Works for temporary helipad will start.