Throughout March construction activity has ramped up across the precinct. The first major part of parking infrastructure has been delivered along Institute Road, new construction sites have been established and hospital access routes and pathways have been altered.

Whilst these changes are happening there has been some disruption for staff arriving at the precinct during the mornings. Craig Brown is one of many traffic controllers on site to help ensure that Westmead staff are coming to and from work in a safe and efficient manner. “We understand that disruptions can cause longer waiting times for parking access and that this can be frustrating for staff at times” he said. “However our job is a necessary and important one, and that is to ensure that staff stay safe whilst commuting. Ultimately we’re all here to work and we want to thank staff for their patience and understanding”.

Watch out for pedestrians and please drive safely.

Over 100 people from Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead are directly engaged in the project user group (PUG) meetings that are now underway as part of Schematic Design.

“The PUGs include staff and consumers and are working on many complex issues with designing a new hospital building,” associate director, strategic business development and commercial services Anna Thornton said.

“One of the challenges is thinking innovatively and creating efficiencies with the way that we work.

“All of the PUGS need to do a great deal of work looking at the patient journey now and in the future as well as how technology is integrated into the model of care and how education, training and research are embedded,” Anna said.

PUGs will be looking to staff to provide input into the layout and design of the acute services building and refurbished areas of the Westmead Hospital.

The Pharmacy PUG met for the first time last week to explore all options for how best to deliver pharmacy services in the new acute services building. Importantly the PUG includes representatives from both the adults and children’s hospitals and while they will focus on the new building, they will also look at the future vision for pharmacy services.

The planning work between the two hospitals has always been about integrating or co-locating only those services that make sense to do so. There is much analysis for all options before these decisions can be made.

More information on who to contact across any of the PUGs can be found on your hospital intranet.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INSTITUTE ROAD CAR PARK

From tomorrow, Wednesday 30 March during peak period 7am—9am

- The boom gates on both entry and exit will be raised for entrance only
- Traffic control will be in place
- Only staff with the blue WSLHD parking permit sticker on their windscreen will be allowed access

Please be patient arriving to work, allow extra time and look out for pedestrians
Please drive carefully across the precinct, especially around pedestrian crossings and follow instructions from site staff
Report any concerns or questions you have to the project office – 1800 990 296

Works On Site

Changed entry conditions Mon-Fri between 7-9am

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.

Infrastructure upgrades underway.

High voltage upgrade works continue.

Construction of the new helipad commencing soon.

Works have commenced on ICPMR Roof. Cranes will be operating onsite adjacent to the ICPMR works.

Car parks closed for construction.