As we continue to outline the PUG process in our series on the current redevelopment phase of schematic design, this week we centre on the Aged Care PUG and profile an important contributor, PUG Champion Ray Cabela.

What do you think healthcare consumers feel is most important to them about the transformation of the precinct?

I think health consumers would want the precinct to be one that has been designed with their involvement along with expertise from health care professionals to materialise a vision where form follows function. The precinct should be one that has the patient and their families/carers needs at its core and innovative in design, future proofed, cost effective and aesthetically pleasing.

What are you most excited about with Stage 1 redevelopment?

The once in a lifetime opportunity to contribute to building a state of the art purpose built world class precinct.

What will success look like to you for the Schematic Design outcome?

A blueprint for a purpose built Geriatric Medicine facility that will be a centre of excellence built by the community with the needs of the patients and their families and carers at its core.

What do you think will be the hardest thing to achieve in Schematic Design?

A unified and committed vision from all stakeholders working within a limited funding framework.

How are you and your PUG thinking innovatively about new spaces? How will you attempt to make your service better and more efficient?

PUG members are encouraged to think outside the square to find solutions. Members are encouraged to enjoy the collaborative journey and not necessarily focus too quickly on the end goal.

New models of care are being developed in Geriatric Medicine to improve on an already very efficient and effective service.

How are you engaging with patients, carers and families?

A consumer representative is a member of the PUG and feedback from patients, families and carers are always encouraged.

Consumer representatives play an important role in hospital planning. The Westmead Redevelopment is on the hunt for more consumers to become involved in Project User Groups (PUG) as the schematic design phase is underway.

Bjorn Jonsson (pictured above) is one such consumer representative helping to flesh out the detail for new aged care infrastructure. “A person centred approach to clinical design is what’s most important to patients - one which is reflected from feedback taken from consumers,” Bjorn said. “Working within PUGs enables us to think innovatively about new spaces from a person centred perspective such as coming up with ideas for creative use of space. This can include considering what type of colours and lighting are best suited to a particular department or clinical area to reflect warmth and positivity during recuperation.”

The Westmead Redevelopment project recognises the need for patient, visitor or carer perspectives in building new healthcare facilities. If you know of a patient or carer who would like to be involved in planning, please contact the project team on 1800 990 296.

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- 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.
- Infrastructure upgrades underway.
- High voltage upgrade works continue.
- Construction of the new helipad commencing soon.
- New institute road car park has opened.
- Car parking works continuing.
- Works occurring in car park 3 commencing soon.
- Works have commenced on ICPMR Roof. Cranes are operating onsite adjacent to the ICPMR works.
- Car parks closed for construction.

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