Car Park Design for Everyone

Last month the Westmead Redevelopment team met with the Multicultural and Disability Advocacy Association (MDAA) regarding car parking design and construction. The session was productive, with many ideas being raised around accessibility issues and options and smart design for patients and visitors.

“We’ve gained some very valuable feedback from the MDAA group at today’s consultation” project director Deanne Turner said. “The group’s input has encouraged us to think about parking planning and the accessibility and wayfinding needs of the patients, carers and family more holistically.”

The project team will be looking to involve the MDAA consultation group further in areas such as clinical services design, hospital entrance accessibility and further car parking and public transport consultation.

The Westmead Redevelopment is keen to partner with a wide range of consumers across the many different areas of the project. The key focus is to embed consumer engagement and collaborations in all elements of the project over the next five years. If you know of patients or carers who would like to partner with us in hospital planning, design or construction, please contact the project office on 1800 990 296.

Above: Debbie Sharpe talks to her fellow PPT members in their recent meeting

Deciding the future design

The Westmead Redevelopment is a large, complex and multi-faceted project with hundreds of people from multiple stakeholder groups involved in the planning and delivery.

Right now we have over 100 Westmead precinct staff and consumers working together on project user groups (PUGs) for the design of the new central acute services building and the refurbished areas of Westmead Hospital.

The staff involved in the project come from Westmead Hospital, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, The University of Sydney and Pathology West - ICPMR.

Patients, carers and consumers are also key partners in the design work.

In April the Project Planning Team (PPT) met for the first time in 2016 as part of their important role to consider unresolved issues and recommendations that have come out of the planning work of the PUGs.

‘PUG members have a huge role to play in hospital design and challenging their thinking on a range of levels’ said Debbie Sharpe, operations director of Medicine and Cancer Services. ‘At the PUG level they are considering a wide range of complex issues - how a patient will access healthcare in the future, how technology will change the workplace, how research and education is integrated into healthcare and how we can better integrate the adults and children’s hospitals to provide precinct services.

‘We then need a building or space that reflects that future way of working. Often it is the technical detail that will inevitably raise issues and challenges that need a decision at a more strategic level and that’s the role of the PPT,’ said Debbie.

The issues considered at last months PPT included consideration of the level of flexibility in refurbished spaces, the bed capacity of rooms, percentage of single rooms, day stay beds vs inpatient beds, and understanding the ongoing impacts of design changes, for example the nursing and cleaning impacts of a higher rate of single rooms.

The PPT provides feedback to the PUGs as well as provides recommendations to the Planning and Development Committee (PDC).

The PDC is one of two key leadership groups for decision-making and recommendations for the project. The PDC focusses on the planning and design of the new central acute services building.

The other key decision-making group is the Project Control Group which focuses on construction, including car parking, early works and site preparation for the central acute services building.
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Works On Site

Be Safe

- The speed limit across the precinct is 15kph.
- Additional speed bumps have been installed - they are designed to slow you down.
- Obey the directions from traffic controllers.
- Watch out for your colleagues crossing the roads.
- All workers must take reasonable care of their own health and safety.

New institute road car park is open

Disruptions along Institute Road continuing. Traffic control in place. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.

Services upgrades and car parking construction.

Redevelopment works, but no disruption

Infrastructure upgrades underway.

High voltage upgrade contractors on site.

Construction of the new helipad and link to the hospital commencing soon.

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

Car parks closed for construction. Changed traffic conditions.

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