A new Arts and Culture Strategy is being developed for Westmead and the call is out for staff, patients, families, students, visitors and local residents and community members to get involved. Our arts and culture program will create an environment that will aid recovery and help all members of the family feel welcome, safe and connected.

The Arts and Culture Strategy is being developed between now and November 2017 and will help us shape how we will integrate arts and culture into who we are and what we do in the future. There will be a number of different ways that people can have their say, the first is coming up at Westmead next week.

One of the first ways to get involved will be with new creative technology. The Westmead Redevelopment is managing a drop-in session at Westmead Hospital using hologram technology as a fun way to start conversations, gain feedback and be creative. You will be able to drop-in any time between 11am and 12:15pm on Tuesday 15 August. You should allow at least 15-30 minutes if you want to come and experience it.

Participants will receive instruction on, and then use, devices and software which will turn video and photos in holograms.

The hologram technology and workshops concept is the brainchildren of BOP Industries, a Brisbane-based company, run by a group of young entrepreneurs, specialising in holographic projects.

“We need an arts and culture approach at Westmead that reflects our people,” said director Redevelopment redesign and transformation Carla Edwards.

“Our goal is to create a building where everyone feels welcome and safe and is a wonderful place to receive and provide care. By engaging with patients, families, staff, students and visitors in different ways we’re hoping to build a Strategy that will deliver on that” she said.

Another workshop will be run at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.

Event information
Date: Tuesday 15 August, 2017
Time: 11am – 12:15pm
Cost: Free!
Registration: Not required
Venue: Lecture Theatre 4, Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC), Westmead Hospital
Read the full story here: http://bit.ly/2fkuiyW
The first New Ways of Working space in Westmead Hospital – O3Hub – was officially handed over to the Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) last week, with staff ready to move in next Thursday, 10 August.

The O3Hub joins Blacktown's B2Hub as the first workspaces in the WSLHD designed with activity based working principles – called New Ways of Working (NWOW). In fact, our health district is the first in Australia to have activity-based working specially designed for staff in a hospital.

New Ways of Working is about supporting our activities through the physical space, ICT tools, and changing behaviours to create a culture that enables a welcoming workplace.

What is different about this workspace?

- Staff choose to work in a way that best suits their needs.
- Everyone works mobile – staff can dock onto a work point or use their laptop via Wi-Fi. All staff have lap-tops.
- It’s Paper-lite – reduce it, store it or recycle it!
- It’s clean and clutter-free – if we don’t need an item, it’s in a locker or team storage.
- It has ‘do not disturb’ work spaces - no more interruptions when you’re doing focussed work!
- Group tasks and meetings are held in areas designed for conversation and collaboration.
- Etiquette required – a set of etiquettes have been designed in agreement with all members of the team. This includes how long you can stay at a work point and how meeting room bookings are managed.
- New meeting rooms are bookable from Outlook and touchpad screens so you can book a room while you’re in it
- Specially designed furniture and fittings that support your work including sit/stand desks and soundproofing.

O3Hub will be the new home for WSLHD Finance, Clinical Governance and Procurement teams.

Acting Director of Clinical Governance Luke Sloane says, “We get the opportunity to work in an environment where we can combine patient safety and quality, and finance and business intelligence, to ensure the care we are providing is the best.”
The Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) hoarding on level 2 was removed over the weekend, revealing the refurbished level 1 teaching and learning space.

You can now get a bird’s eye view of the new space (peering down from level 2!), before it is soon handed over to the Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) and the University of Sydney.

"The removal of the level 2 hoarding is an exciting time for Westmead, as it gives staff, patients and visitors the first opportunity to see the new facility and how it will support our research and education activities," Director of Operations for the WSLHD Research and Education Network Helene Abouyanni said.

"After seven months of hard work, we are now in the final week of construction; it’s hard to remember the green carpet that used to be here."

"The WECC level 1 project is the first major upgrade of shared education, training and research spaces for Westmead Hospital."

"The design supports peer-to-peer learning, dialogue and visualisation so every interaction is a teaching and learning opportunity; we’re very excited to see how the space will transform education for the Westmead precinct."

After handover, the University of Sydney will begin commissioning the IT and AV facilities.

Members of the Westmead Hospital executive and education, training and research committee walked through the new space last week.

Key features of the space include:

- Advanced AV systems to support presentations and collaboration on projects, including with remote participants
- Digital whiteboards to encourage workshops in small groups
- Efficient digital signage, timetabling and room booking systems to allow for live scheduling updates, and to integrate with existing WSLHD systems
- Video tracking technology and screens to ensure that no matter where you sit, the learning experience is the same.

The Westmead Education and Conference Centre will open in early September for all students and staff engaged in education, training and research activities.

Members of the Westmead Hospital executive team, education, research and training committee and project team visit the near-complete WECC level 1.

The view into WECC level 1 from Westmead Hospital level 2 now that the hoarding has come down.
WSLHD’s allocated Fleet Services car parking spaces are moving!

A new Fleet Services car park (located in front of car park 6 near ICPMR) will open in the coming weeks.

Entry and exit to the car park will be via the access lane off Institute Rd (see map).

Entry and exit to the car park will be via swipe card access ONLY. Swipe cards are located in each fleet vehicle.

Secure Parking will manage this car park. For more information, contact Secure on 0456 580 738.

Once the new car park opens, the current Fleet Services parking spaces, located in the Institute Rd car park, will be available for general staff parking.

We will provide more information about the new car park and its official opening date soon.

Questions? Contact the Westmead Redevelopment project team on 1800 990 296 or email WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
From Saturday, 5 August—Thursday, 14 September, intermittent single lane closures will occur along Redbank Road

- Traffic control will be in place for the duration of these works.
- Vehicle and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
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Precinct Works

Areas under construction

Car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff

Traffic control is in place to manage access to the loading dock. These works will last approximately four weeks.

Traffic conditions changing in this location. Please allow extra time coming to and from the precinct.

Brain Injury Unit pathway underway.

There is alternate building access into the Kids Research Institute until September 2017. Signage is in place.

*Major changes to parking will continue throughout 2017. We will provide information about future changes in the weekly Westmead Redevelopment project update.