Last week the Westmead Redevelopment team showcased new and exciting hologram technology on a roadshow around the precinct, to promote the launch of the Westmead Arts and Culture Strategy.

We’re calling out to all patients, staff, students and visitors to be involved in our arts and culture program to ensure we create a welcoming and safe environment that will continue to forge a sense of connection between the provision of healthcare and the patient experience.

“Finding new and exciting ways to engage with our staff, patients, students and visitors about art and culture at Westmead is a key focus for the project team. We want to ensure our consumers have dynamic opportunities to become involved and have their say in how the building looks and feels, while also celebrating our cultural diversity here at Westmead,” project director Carla Edwards said.

We’re encouraging all staff, patients, students and visitors to take part in answering our Westmead Redevelopment Arts and Culture Questionnaire. This will help us define how to best represent Westmead now and in the future. To complete the survey, click this link or copy it in to your web browser: [http://bit.ly/2vYJru0](http://bit.ly/2vYJru0)
Last week the project team held a pop-up information stall for Westmead Hospital Week.

Staff, patients and visitors were able to drop by and find out the latest information about the Westmead Redevelopment project. The team gave out mugs, water bottles and pens; as well as handy info about the central acute services building, the soon-to-open Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) and our newly announced arts and culture strategy.

Lynette Gallaty from The University of Sydney Medical School at Westmead stopped by to get an update on the project.

“As a member of the team working in the Sydney Medical School – Westmead, we are all looking forward to the WECC opening and the new spaces for students. It will really enhance the learning experience for them,” she said.

Keep an eye out for more Westmead Redevelopment pop-up events later in the year to talk about the opening of the WECC in early September and the Multi-Storey Car Park in November.
This week Westmead Hospital staff will be able to use the new Staff Common Room near the Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) on level 1.

The Staff Common Room is fully equipped with seating, kitchenette facilities and computers. It can be accessed via the WECC level 2 stairs, or the level 1 corridor.

The new Staff Common Room replaces the old lunch room space in the former staff cafeteria, and temporary University of Sydney common rooms. It provides a comfortable meeting place for staff to take their breaks.

“All the staff are really excited to have their own space and somewhere to call home. It’s not just a space to eat lunch or have coffee, but to also have a break, relax and connect with colleagues,” said general services manager Raynelle Howat.

The new space is available to use by all Western Sydney Local Health District employees. Staff will have swipe access using their employee pass.

The Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network (SCHN) Executive toured the site of the Kids Research Institute last week where construction activity is well underway.

The project involves the refurbishment of office and meeting room facilities and the construction of a new state-of-the-art Clinical Research Centre in the existing building. The first stage providing a flexible work environment for research staff will be completed next month making way for works on the Clinical Research Centre to commence.

Upon completion in early-2018 the Clinical Research Centre will be a purpose-designed, paediatric clinical trials and research facility—the first of its kind in New South Wales, and equal to facilities at leading paediatric hospitals internationally. It is anticipated that more than 1,000 patients will visit the centre annually. The trials conducted there will be varied. Some may only involve a few children who have extremely rare childhood diseases while others, like food allergy trials, or trials for vaccine preventable diseases, may involve several hundred children. These trials provide patients with a chance of improving their health and hopefully finding a cure for their condition.

The Network Executive were thrilled with the works completed on site so far and are excited to see the finished product.
Precinct Works

- Boom gates at the front Mons Road are active, please use your staff pass to swipe in to access staff parking.
- Car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff
- Areas under construction
- Demolition of old cooling towers commencing in this location soon. Please expect changes
- Traffic conditions changes continuing in this location. Please allow extra time coming to and from the precinct.
- Installation of materials hoist occurring near B6
- Emergency Department
- Westmead Hospital Main Entry
- Loading Dock Entry
- ENT audiology works 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.