After more than a year of planning, construction and commissioning, level 1 of the Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) opens next Monday, 4 September.

It is available to use by all students and staff undertaking education, teaching and research activities.

The WECC level 1 project is the first major upgrade of shared education, training and research spaces for Westmead Hospital. The design of the space has been influenced by consultation with current and future staff and students, and experience from leading education facilities around the world.

“The transformation of education, training and research at Westmead responds to our growing multidisciplinary environment, and better aligns with the Westmead precinct’s vision of being a global innovation district,” says director of operations for Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) Research and Education Network Helene Abouyanni.

Kate O’Sullivan, chief operating officer of the University of Sydney at Westmead said, “The University of Sydney’s investment in Westmead will see the number of students at the campus quadruple to more than 6,000 students, and enhance the already active interdisciplinary collaborations between healthcare, research and education at Westmead.”

In the space, clinicians and researchers will continue to build on the culture of innovation and knowledge sharing at Westmead.

WECC Info Days
Thursday, 7 September
Thursday, 14 September

Come and explore the new spaces – there will be project team members on hand to show you around and answer any questions. Our ICT and AV teams will also be available to demonstrate the new technology-enabled spaces.
Westmead hosted another important visitor last week as part of our work to highlight our broad collaboration and success in innovation.

The Australian Government’s chief medical officer, Brendan Murphy, visited Westmead precinct to learn about Westmead’s transformation into a world class innovation district.

Professor Murphy welcomed the joint vision for the precinct that Westmead Hospital, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, the University of Sydney, research institutes and other partners are working towards collaboratively to achieve great outcomes for western Sydney.

“It’s been 10 years since I last visited Westmead it’s so impressive to see the enthusiastic culture that’s continuing to develop here. It’s great to witness the inspiration and innovative thinking that’s occurring across the precinct with great ideas being realised such as the new Westmead Innovation Centre. The vision for Westmead is well aligned to global reference sites, like Cleveland and Karolinska University Hospital,” Prof. Murphy said.

“Not only is the design and integration of the physical infrastructure excellent, but also the focus on innovation in care models and operational process. The vitality of the culture in advancing closer working relationships among our institutions is key to your success.”

Arts and Culture Strategy Questionnaire

In last week’s project update we included a link to our new Arts and Culture Strategy Questionnaire. Unfortunately there was an error with the link which prevented access to the survey. We apologise for any inconvenience to those trying to complete the survey and have included an updated link below.

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/2wCGn9h
Westmead Hospital’s maintenance team gets ready for A3a

Members of Westmead Hospital’s maintenance team at the staff station.

Dean Benke (right), Westmead Hospital’s maintenance manager, inspects the new bariatric hoist — with FDC’s Rabbie Morkos (left) and PwC’s Bogusia Chewinska (middle).

The group discuss the cleaning and maintenance in the kitchenette area.

Dean Benke, Westmead Hospital’s maintenance manager:

“The encouraging thing has been the improved interface between projects, health infrastructure and maintenance. We’ve been involved in the project life cycle from the very beginning. There’s been coordinated assistance provided when the project team needed assistance from the maintenance team—when they found challenges that arose, they came to us. The site tours have helped us to raise any issues along the way, which will create an effective handover to Westmead Hospital.”

Glenn Mather, Westmead Hospital’s maintenance supervisor:

“When we started the job, the project team asked us what we do. We’ve listened to each other and we’ve worked together as a team instead of as separate groups. We now have regular meetings on Wednesdays with all the companies working across Westmead Hospital. They tell us what they want and what they require, and the reverse. There’s a partnership approach now, rather than them and us.”

*No personal protective equipment was required on-site during this visit.

Westmead Hospital’s A3a opens in September—the new home of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

A number of final site tours, testing and training is underway—including testing the nurse call and other alert and emergency systems, programming patient information screens and checking newly installed medical equipment. Staff are testing and familiarising themselves with new equipment and spaces, to ensure staff and patients are prepared for the relocation.
Students from the Hospital School were invited last week to inspect the building site of the new central acute services building.

The Hospital School teaches patients at both The Children’s Hospital at Westmead and Westmead Hospital. After being involved with the naming of UCrane Bolt in 2016, the students were excited to have a look at the progress of the building construction.

Dressed in their hard hats and high visibility vests, they looked on from the Westmead Institute for Medical Research building’s balcony, down at all the hard work going on below as part of their studies into building and engineering.

Last week, project director Tim Mason visited the Hospital School’s primary classroom at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead to give an introduction to working in construction and answer the many questions thrown at him from the students. They were keen to know everything from the number of dump trucks that visit the site each day, whether women work on building sites through to why personal protective equipment such as hard hats and high visibility vests are so important.

The visit was exciting for the patients, and they are looking forward to another visit before Christmas.
Western Sydney Local Health District’s (WSLHD) allocated Fleet Services car parking spaces are moving!

A new Fleet Services car park (located in front of car park P6 near ICPMR) will open in early September.

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.

Please note – the WSLHD Fleet Services office is NOT moving. It will remain in its current location behind car park 6 (near ICPMR).

Questions? Contact the Westmead Redevelopment project team on 1800 990 296 or email WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
The Parramatta Light Rail team will be visiting Westmead in September to speak to staff, patients and visitors about the next phase of planning and works for the new light rail project. Light Rail’s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now on public exhibition. Check out the website to learn more: [http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/)

**Where and When:**

- **Westmead Hospital**, John Loewenthal Auditorium, Tuesday, 5 September 12-1pm.
- **The Children’s Hospital at Westmead**, Lorimer Dodds Lecture Theatre, Thursday, 14 September, 11am-12pm

Would you like to know more about light rail coming to Westmead? Contact the Westmead Redevelopment project team on 1800 990 296 or email WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
Precinct Works

Boom gates at the front Mons Road are active, please use your staff pass to swipe in to access staff parking.

Demolition of old cooling towers commencing in this location. Please expect changes.

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

Car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff

Areas under construction

B6 construction site establishment and testing. Installation of materials hoist occurring near B6.

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.