A traditional Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony has marked the start of construction of Westmead’s new central acute services building.

The Smoking Ceremony, performed by senior Darug man Lex Dadd, was held last Friday on the site of the new hospital building, which is due for completion in 2020.

The Smoking Ceremony marked the start of a long-term collaboration between the Westmead Redevelopment project and the local Aboriginal community, which will be reflected in artworks and facilities in the new hospital building.

Western Sydney Local Health District Westmead Redevelopment executive director Leena Singh said the Smoking Ceremony represented Aboriginal tradition and healthcare coming together, and reinforced the project’s commitment to planning health facilities with its diverse communities.

“Our commitment is to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, our staff and the community to build a positive and lasting tradition at Westmead,” she said.

“We are working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to ensure all people feel safe, welcome and connected when they walk onto the precinct and into our buildings.

“We are constantly reviewing the way we deliver healthcare and how our patients and families experience care to ensure we are providing the best service possible.”

“We feel privileged to be part of the Westmead community and want our role here to extend beyond the life of the project,” said Multiplex regional director Daniel Murphy.

“As well as our commitment to offering apprenticeships and traineeships that exceed government targets, we have partnered with Indigenous employment networks and other agencies to assist some of the disadvantaged in our community to gain sustainable employment in construction.”
WECC Info Days Underway

Last week the very first Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) info day was held to orientate students and staff to the new WECC level one space. Guided tours were available for people to become familiarised with the space and learn about the new zones.

If you missed out, don’t worry—the next WECC info day will be occurring this Thursday, 14 September. Come and find out more about how you can use the new WECC zones for studying and learning at Westmead.

Parramatta Light Rail Public Exhibition

The Parramatta Light Rail team are visiting Westmead 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: www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/

Our next staff forum will be at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, Lorimer Dodds Lecture Theatre, Thursday, 14 September, 11am-12pm.

Additionally, there will be a public forum at One Hotels and Apartments, 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead this Wednesday, 13 September 4—8pm. Information on other public community sessions can be found here: http://bit.ly/2gauAZJ
WSLHD’s allocated Fleet Services car parking spaces have now moved!

The new Fleet Services car park (located behind ICPMR) has opened.

All fleet vehicles will need to be collected/returned to the new car park.

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 is managing this car park. If you encounter any issues, contact Secure on 0456 580 738.

The old Fleet Services parking spaces, located in the Institute Rd car park, are now available for general staff parking.

PLEASE NOTE: the WSLHD Fleet Services office has not moved. It remains 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
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 continuing in this location. Please expect changes.
- Fleet services car park is now open.
- Traffic conditions changes continuing in this location. Please allow extra time coming to and from the precinct.
- Disruptions to Labyrinth Way ongoing due to footpath works. Vehicle access will be maintained.
- There is alternate building access into the Kids Research Institute until October 2017. Signage is in place.
- ENT audiology site establishment and hoarding occurring.
- B6 construction site establishment and testing.
- No entry into car park P3 from this location for the duration of Saturday, 16 September due to crane works. Please use other entry into car park P3 via University Clinics pick-up and drop-off access route.