Westmead Hospital Library Upgrades

Following the successful completion of the Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) level 1 refurbishment: [http://bit.ly/2fDwL8d](http://bit.ly/2fDwL8d), the next major upgrade to education, training and research facilities at Westmead is the hospital library.

Located on level 2 of the WECC, the Westmead Hospital Library will be upgraded into a highly engaging teaching and learning space by the University of Sydney in partnership with the Western Sydney Local Health District, as part of the Westmead Redevelopment refurbishment program.

Westmead Hospital Library Manager Linda Mulheron says, “Library staff are very excited about plans for the new space. The library first opened in late 1978 and even though we’re very proud of it, it’s definitely time for an upgrade!”

“We have been working hard with the University of Sydney and Library project user group for the past 10 months to come up with a design that will best serve our students, staff and visitors, and we can’t wait to see the end result”.

“We have taken into consideration many recommendations received from our recent user survey and I’m sure everyone will be pleasantly surprised at how much has been achieved in the new design to address their suggestions.”

Plans for the library include technology-enabled individual and group study spaces, and clinical examination rooms that are flexibly designed to double as bookable meeting rooms.

Themes that guided the design of the library include harmony and warmth, flexibility, creativity and collaboration, and health and wellness. Plans also includes green, natural elements to create a welcoming and calming space.

Later this month, the project user group will do a final review of the design before the current library is closed on Monday, November 13, 2017. It will re-open in late March 2018.

In the interim, some library services will be available in the Clinical Sciences corridor, tutorial room F (near the University of Sydney Westmead Clinical School).

Watch this space for more information and updates as the new Westmead Hospital Library takes shape!

If you have any questions, contact the redevelopment team on 1800 990 296 or email [WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au)

Gastroenterology is moving!

On 11 October 2017, the Gastroenterology Department moves from D3a/D3b to A3a.

A3a will be the new home of gastroenterology, which will be known as the Gastroenterology Comprehensive Care Centre and, includes the newly named Gastroenterology Day Centre (outpatients’ day clinic). The new ward has 16 beds plus clinical space.

Phone numbers remain the same.
- Ward phone – (02) 8890 6141.
- The Gastroenterology Day Centre phone – (02) 8890 9774.

Moving day

On moving day, **Wednesday, 11 October** at approximately 9am, staff will start to move patients from D3a/D3b to A3a. All patients should be moved by lunchtime.

If patients are being discharged before lunchtime on Wednesday, they won’t be moved to A3a. Staff should avoid the area in and around D3a/D3b and A3a during the peak moving time between 8am-1pm, if possible. This includes the corridors immediately around A3a.

Closest visitor parking?

Car Park 1 - entry via Darcy Road.

Enter Westmead Hospital through the Main Entrance. Follow signs to A-B Block lifts. Take the lift to level 3. Once on level 3, turn left into the corridor and look for the sign for A3a gastroenterology on your left.

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Gastroenterology registered nurse Zealeasha Bali in D3a, packing for the relocation to A3a. The move happens on Wednesday, 11 October, 2017.

Staff orientation and training sessions are underway in A3a.

Some of the gastroenterology team at the new staff station in A3a

Clinical nurse specialist Rocela Munoz tests the remote next to a patient bed — it adjusts the reading light and the nurse call to the room.

“During orientation, I noticed that it was really spacious and the environment that we are going to be working in will create a positive atmosphere. This is a great place to work alongside the team and my colleagues. For the patients it’s really clear where they move to, sit or receive treatment.”

Registered nurse Zealeasha Bali

“It’s lovely and exciting to go to a new place. The new ward is more spacious for patients and for the staff to work in and to move around. We love it! We’re excited to come over and start here.”

Clinical nurse specialist Rocela Munoz

Westmead Redevelopment refurbishments – the big picture

The refurbishment of A3a, Westmead Hospital’s gastroenterology new home, is part of a wider refurbishment program across the Westmead precinct, delivered through the Westmead Redevelopment.

The Westmead Hospital refurbishment program is transforming more than 30 per cent of clinical areas inside Westmead Hospital between 2017 and 2022. Clinical areas included in the program are aged care, gastroenterology, ear nose throat and audiology, ambulatory care, intensive care, respiratory and existing operating theatres.

Refurbishment projects completed to date are:

- The expansion of the Emergency Short Stay Unit (ESSU) and Health Care for Older People Earlier (HOPE) unit.
- A new clinical simulation room for the University of Sydney’s Masters of Nursing,
- An activity based working area called the O3Hub
- The Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) level 1.
- Stage 1 of the Kid’s Research Institute (Stage 2 is expected to be complete in early 2018).

In an upcoming editions we will outline the overarching refurbishment timeline in more detail. Until then, read about projects delivered or in progress at www.westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au/projects.
Last Wednesday the Parramatta Light Rail team updated Cumberland Hospital staff about the environmental impact statement (EIS) process. This event is one of many staff and community consultation events that have been held on the Westmead precinct during 2016 and 2017.

Questions were asked about the construction and consultation processes, as well as technical questions about the carriages.

The group was interested to hear:

- Light rail vehicles will be 45 metres long and will carry up to 300 passengers each.
- Services will run 7 days per week from 5am — 1am each day, and will be approximately every 7.5 minutes between 7am—7pm.
- The approximate travel time into Parramatta CBD from Cumberland Hospital will be 12 minutes.
- Most of the construction work at Westmead will occur from 2019, with light rail expected to be operational by 2023.

Westmead Hospital, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, Health Infrastructure, and other Westmead stakeholders are being consulted on an ongoing basis. Patients, staff and community members can make a submission, or view the EIS on the Department of Planning & Environment website. Submissions close on 23 October 2017.
Staff at the Kids Research Institute at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead began work in their refurbished office space for the first time yesterday.

Marking the completion of Stage 1 construction, staff yesterday moved into a completely refurbished flexible work environment that boasts 10 new meeting spaces, a high focus work zone and a Staff Hub for socialising, collaborative work, meals and events. The meeting rooms include a combination of bookable rooms with advanced AV capabilities and rooms for focused work and informal discussions.

Yesterday also marked the commencement of Stage 2 construction for KRI’s new state-of-the-art Clinical Research Centre. This 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. Completion is expected in early-2018.

Night staff’s vision for Westmead Arts

Last week Westmead Hospital night staff explored hologram technology while sharing thoughts with the arts and culture consultant.

The consultant visited A5a acute cardiology and B5b high dependency unit. This was part of the Westmead Redevelopment Arts and Culture Strategy development process.

Find out more and share your thoughts on arts and culture at Westmead: [http://bit.ly/WestmeadArtsCulture](http://bit.ly/WestmeadArtsCulture)
From Saturday, 7 October until mid-November 2017, Car park P6 will be closing each weekend due to works required to complete the multi-storey car park.

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

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

Stormwater boring works ongoing in this location.

Disruptions to Labrinth Way ongoing due to footpath works. Vehicle access will be maintained.

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

Trucks movements occurring in this location for five weeks.

ENT Audiology site works occurring.

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

From Saturday, 7 October until mid-November 2017, car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff.

Areas under construction

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