The Westmead Redevelopment project team recently interviewed long-term Westmead resident Leslie Bellamy about his memories of the area.

Leslie had a birds-eye view of Westmead and its changing face for more than 40 years, from his apartment on Hawkesbury Road.

We asked Leslie about the area’s history and the big changes to come.

Check out his thoughts in this video: https://youtu.be/iNWjAk63Qk0

Sadly, Leslie passed away before we had a chance to share this video.

However, his family were keen for the community to hear Leslie’s musings.
Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) has adopted activity-based working (ABW).

ABW is changing the way people conduct their work. It allows people to choose the type of space they need, based on the type of work they’re doing. ABW at WSLHD involves changing the physical spaces we work in, getting the right ICT tools to support our activities, and changing workplace behaviours to support the new approach to work.

WSLHD’s aspiration for ABW is to create welcoming workplaces that enhance an integrated way of working, connecting healthcare to the community. The O3Hub at Westmead, the B2Hub at Blacktown and the Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) were the first spaces to be designed with ABW principles. The delivery of the central acute services building in 2020 will see more workspaces adopting ABW.

What’s next for ABW at Westmead?

Westmead Hospital Library will be the next area to adopt ABW. The refurbishment of the library presents opportunities for redesign, including how staff work, and deliver an excellent service to staff, students and visitors.

Library manager Linda Mulheron says, “Activity-based working has certainly provided a challenge for library staff, and we probably will not realise its full benefits until the library re-opens next year.”

“However, it has already helped us rethink how we currently work and particularly, to differentiate between focused and collaborative work, and the potential for increased efficiencies.”

The library’s vision for ABW is to:

- **Build a great collection** (both physical and digital)
- **Provide improved services to customers** by taking a technology-enabled approach and creating a teaching hub to better support the requirements of a growing multidisciplinary environment
- **Build communities and connections**: for example, connecting university students with hospital staff and hosting clinical examinations.

To build a great collection, library staff are working through their material and removing low use, duplicate and out-of-date material, as well as titles that are available electronically. Some print materials are up for purchase – you can grab one book from $1 or fill a bag for $5. The library’s print and electronic collection will continue to meet the current and future needs of all staff, students and visitors of the library.

Moving to an ABW environment and being supported by the right technology means library staff can spend less time on transactional tasks, like administration and processing books, and more time supporting staff and students in education, training and research.

**REMINDER: Library Closure**

The library will temporarily close its doors for refurbishment from **this Friday** (10 November). From **next Monday** (13 November) limited library services will be available in the clinical sciences corridor, tutorial room F. If you have any questions, please contact Westmead Hospital library manager Linda Mulheron: Linda.Mulheron@health.nsw.gov.au or phone 8890 6466.

**Thanks O3Hub!**

It’s been just over two months since Westmead Hospital’s finance, clinical governance and procurement teams moved into the O3Hub - the first ABW space at the facility, and we’ve been working behind-the-scenes to show it off! We’re creating two videos to celebrate our experience as the first health district in Australia to have ABW spaces designed. Thanks to everyone in the O3Hub and the B2Hub for being part of our videos – watch this space!
At Westmead Hospital, a review of visiting hours and overnight stay procedures is underway. As part of this work, a new online survey has been launched.

We want to understand what patients, staff and visitors need, and understand current practices and visitor experiences. The information collected from this survey will be crucial to the Westmead Redevelopment, as services and staff prepare for the new hospital building’s opening in 2020.

Complete the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestmeadVisitingHours

Since opening in early September, WECC level 1 has been buzzing with activity. Students and staff from WSLHD and the University of Sydney have been using the space for meetings, workshops, lectures and tutorials, as well as independent study and collaborative work.

Work continues to improve the WECC. Part of level 2 is being upgraded, with a new exposed ceiling, carpet, and lighting. Completion is expected at the end of November. The area near the WECC reception (crush area) is closed, however access to the John Loewenthal Auditorium and all lecture theatres and tutorial rooms is maintained. Please follow signage in the area.

The transformation of education, training and research facilities at Westmead responds to our growing multidisciplinary environment, and aligns with our vision of being a global health precinct.
To undertake the refurbishment of the inpatient unit (IPU) B6, the wards and clinics on B5 will be temporarily relocated.

Phone numbers remain the same during the relocation.

Please take care in and around the area and follow the directions of workers. Your health and safety is important to us.

**Medical High Dependency Unit (B5b)**

NEW LOCATION: D3a/D3b (Block D, level 3).

RELOCATION PERIOD: From 8 November 2017 — early January 2018 (date to be confirmed). After this they return to their original position in B5b.

**Respiratory Wards (B5a)**

NEW LOCATION: B5b (Block B, level 5).

RELOCATION PERIOD: Respiratory Wards from 10 November 2017 — 6 December 2017. After this they return to their original position in B5a.

**Respiratory Clinics (Respiratory Comprehensive Care Centre in B5c)**

NEW LOCATION: D3a/D3b (Block D, level 3).

RELOCATION PERIOD: 10 November — early January 2018. After this they return to their original position in B5c.

**Sleep Clinic (B5a)**

NEW LOCATION: B5c (Block B, level 5)

RELOCATION PERIOD: From 13 November 2017 - 6 December 2017. After this they return to their original position in B5a.

Questions?
Contact the Westmead Redevelopment via email or phone. Details below.

Patient moving dates are the first and last dates of the relocation periods (listed above) for each ward/clinic. We will advise you if dates change.
Precinct Works

Entry to car park P6 will be closed from 12pm Friday, 10 November 2017 until 6am Monday 12 November 2017. All vehicles parked in car park P6 after the 12pm closure will need to vacate the area before 4am on Saturday, 11 November. There will be no road access beyond this time until the road is re-opened on Monday.

The Mons Road car park will close on Friday, 8 December 2017.

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

IPU B6—demolition, floor-grinding and remediation works.

ENT Audiology site works occurring.

Extension of Institute Road continuing in this location. Please expect changes.

Stormwater boring works ongoing in this location.

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

Trucks movements occurring in this location.

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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.