Tuesday, 14 March, 2017 marked the end of an era – the closure of the original linkway connecting Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, and the opening of the new temporary linkway.

This week, staff from both hospitals, who worked across the Westmead precinct when the original linkway was built in 1995, came together to mark the occasion.

Between them, the staff have more than 200 years’ experience with the hospitals, having worked at either Westmead Hospital or at Camperdown (prior to the children’s hospital moving to Westmead), since the 70s and 80s.

Prof Danny Cass, a trauma surgeon, worked at Westmead Hospital until 1995 when he moved to The Children’s Hospital at Westmead - where he has been ever since. “When the children’s hospital was first built in 1995, the linkway wasn’t constructed until a few months later. Before that, mothers visiting their newborns in the NICU had to be wheeled along the footpath from Hawkesbury Road,” Danny said.

All staff, patients and visitors can use the temporary linkway between 6am and 10pm. Outside of these times, access is by staff swipe card only.

The temporary link will be decommissioned in early 2019 as the new central acute services building will have two linkways - one for patient transfers with staff access and one for the public.

The second part of the linkway, which runs into the Westmead Institute for Medical Research (WIMR), is still under construction but will be completed by April.

Thank you to Fiona Nelson (nursing unit manager at CHW), Tony Turner (nurse, Westmead Hospital), Danny Cass (trauma specialist, CHW), Bruce Fasher (emergency staff specialist, CHW), Grahame Smith (urology surgeon, CHW) and Cheri Templeton (burns physiotherapist, CHW) for your involvement.
Changes To Car Park P3 Entry

- From Monday, 20 March until Sunday, 26 March, the University Clinics access road entrance to car park P3 will be closed. Access will be maintained via the Westmead Hospital emergency department access road for the duration of this week (access route shown as orange line).

- From Monday, 27 March until Sunday, 2 April, the Westmead Hospital emergency department access road entrance to car park P3 will be closed. Access will be maintained via the University Clinics access road for the duration of this week (access route shown as yellow line).

- Traffic control will be in place for the duration of these changes to assist staff and visitors with access.

- If you have any question or would like further information, please contact the Westmead Redevelopment on 1800 990 296 or email us at WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
A precinct travel survey was first conducted in 2014. In response to information provided in that survey and other forums, several transport changes are underway at Westmead:

- A new car park operator has been engaged to efficiently manage car parking at Westmead
- New car parking has been built for staff as well as new footpaths linking the new car parks and hospitals.
- The precinct partners are working closely with Parramatta and Transport for NSW to improve traffic and transport
- Ride and Stride week to promote public and active transport options
- Announcement of light rail

Responses to this questionnaire will help inform how we continue to engage in planning new active (walking and cycling) and public transport (train, light rail and bus) infrastructure and programs. The survey can be accessed at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017TraveltoWestmead](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017TraveltoWestmead)
In supporting Westmead as a great place to work, study and socialise, the University of Sydney is continuing to expand the range of public events it is offering at the precinct.

The University is also for the first time ever holding two ‘Sydney Science Forum’ events at Westmead in 2017. The first of these, “Bright Lights: The Science of Light at the Nanoscale” is happening Wednesday April 26th and promises to be an exciting and adventurous discussion about the potential for nanophotonics to revolutionise technology. This follows the establishment of ‘Sydney Ideas, Westmead’. Last year there were four major public talks on topics including basic medical science, public health and astrophysics.

**Event description**

Can we fit a whole lab on a chip? Can we squeeze big data highways through nano-circuits? It may be hard to imagine, but all this and much more is possible with nanophotonics, the science of light at the nanoscale. Nanophotonics research is addressing some of the most important challenges of our time, such as producing cheap and reliable point-of-care medical diagnostic devices and reducing the huge carbon footprint of big data. Be dazzled by the amazing science that underpins these new technologies, and discover how light is making our future bright.

Join us for an illuminating conversation with **Professor Ben Eggleton** and **Dr Andrea Blanco Redondo**

**Event name:** Bright Lights: The Science of Light at the Nanoscale

**When:** Wed 26 April 2017, 5:45pm - 7:00pm

**Where:** Westmead Education and Conference Centre, John Loewenthal Auditorium, Level 2, Westmead Hospital

**Registration:** This event is open to all but registrations are essential. To register, visit the website [www.westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au)
The Parramatta Light Rail team visited Westmead to talk about the recently announced preferred route for Stage 1 of the project.

Members of the project team were on hand to answer questions from staff, patients and visitors.

Overall the feedback about light rail at Westmead was extremely positive, and over 350 brochures were handed out as part of the pop-up event.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 will connect Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta CBD with a two-way track spanning 12 kilometres and 16 stops.

This will be the first stage of the Parramatta Light Rail project and is expected to be operational by 2023.

The Westmead Redevelopment project team are working with the Parramatta Light Rail team on the exact location of the stops along Hawkesbury Road. This is to ensure that the light rail route, the traffic flow and the new drop off and entry areas, as part of the new central acute services building, are all seamlessly integrated.

“The plans for light rail to include two stops at Westmead is a great outcome for everyone,” Peter Lawless, senior project director said. “It will help support the growing numbers of staff and students on the precinct and the move away from private cars by providing a coordinated connection with heavy rail and a convenient link to Parramatta’s ‘eat street’ and the CBD.”

The Parramatta Light Rail website at www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au has a full community events calendar, a short survey and more information about the project including a map of the preferred route.

For more information about Parramatta Light Rail, contact the light rail project team on 1800 684 490 or email parramattalightrail@transport.nsw.gov.au.
New fact sheet

Visit the website to view the new fact sheet that outlines some of the exciting features of the new central acute services building, which opens in 2020.


Looking for other fact sheets or info?

Find other fact sheets, information, statistics and reports by going to www.westmeadproject.health.com.au. Click on NEWS & PUBLICATIONS in the main purple menu, then choose the FACT SHEETS menu item from the list that drops down. You will also find past editions of this newsletter in NEWS & PUBLICATIONS - select PROJECT UPDATE from the list that drops down.
Works This Week

Areas under construction

Car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff

Areas under construction

We love the rain but our contractors don’t. It can play a bit of havoc with the dates we communicate and we have more rain coming next week.

We thank you for your patience if some dates move.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the project office on 1800 990 296 or via email at: WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au

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