Hawkesbury Road has been especially busy of late with trucks from the Westmead Redevelopment and works from the City of Parramatta on the new cycle way.

Other workers that have been on Hawkesbury Road have been a team of contractors undertaking utilities investigations for the Parramatta Light Rail corridor at Westmead. The information they have been gathering is being fed into more detailed design works in preparation for the project’s Environmental Impact Statement which is expected to go on public exhibition in August and September 2017.

The Westmead Redevelopment team is working closely with the Parramatta Light Rail team to ensure that the final route and stop locations are effectively integrated with the new central acute services building and existing facilities across the Westmead and Cumberland campuses. This is challenging given space constraints and the importance of maintaining safe and effective health, education and research operations on the precinct. However, it is well worthwhile and this new mode of transport will support essential future expansion and redevelopment of Westmead and the vision of becoming a world-class innovation district.

The Parramatta Light Rail is just one part of a much broader transport and access plan for Westmead which includes supporting greater public transport use, improving cycleways and walkways and increasing car parking.

Upgrade to Westmead Hospital Lifts

From July 2017, critical service upgrades to the lifts in A/B block at Westmead Hospital will begin.

- This work is part of the hospital’s refurbishment and investment program and is expected to extend into 2018.
- While this work is being undertaken, some lifts will be out of service.
- Signage will be in place to direct patients, visitors and staff to appropriate lifts.
- Service lifts will be used for patient transfers to ensure inpatients can travel safely & quickly between floors.
- We apologise for any inconvenience during this time and thank you for your patience as we upgrade important infrastructure across Westmead Hospital.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Westmead Redevelopment team on 1800 990 296 or email WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
Upcoming construction works:
- Finalisation of informal tiered seating
- Installation of air handling units

Construction works for the Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) level 1 upgrade and expansion project are progressing very well, with the walls and ceilings now being built.

Site visits have been conducted with University of Sydney lecturers and staff educators to see the new teaching spaces as they start to take shape, and look at a prototype (model) of new “teaching points”. The teaching points replace traditional lecterns and will promote more interactive teaching sessions. The lecturers and staff educators found it useful to review this whilst standing in the actual space because it allowed them to understand the scale of the rooms and think about how they might use the “teaching point” in their own lectures.

Learning spaces have “bring your own device” capabilities, so that students can plug in to any work point in the area. The purpose-built area will be available for students and staff of both the Western Sydney Local Health District and the University to use as a teaching, learning and research space.

The WECC project aims to create a new highly engaging teaching and learning environment within Westmead Hospital. It will provide attractive formal and informal learning spaces designed to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration between students and staff, and enable the freeform exchange of ideas. It will also help to strengthen education, training, research and clinical relationships and opportunities between precinct partners.
Westmead Hospital Refurbishment Program

Westmead Hospital is currently undergoing a refurbishment program as part of the Westmead Redevelopment project. Over 30 per cent of clinical areas in Westmead Hospital will be refurbished between 2017 and 2022. Read more on our website: westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/refurbishments.

What’s happening this week?

The Westmead Hospital refurbishment program continues and includes:

- A3a - refurbished clinical area on level 3 of block A
- The first non-clinical new ways of working space located on level 3 of the Oral Health building
- Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) - level 1

Disruptions this week: Expect general noise and deliveries around all of the work sites.

Oral Health Level 3 (now known as O3Hub!)

Construction of the O3 Hub continues with installation of power and data cables, and plumbing fittings. Also in June:

- Installation of toilet partitions and joinery
- Carpet laying
- Ceiling closures

Training modules are underway as our Finance, Clinical Governance and Procurement teams get ready to move into the new activity based working space. Here’s some team members decluttering their desks!
Westmead Hospital Refurbishment Program

A3a fit-out

- **Partition walls** - Erection of partition walls and installation of new walls including plastering work.
- **Service installation** - Installation of services including water, power, air conditioning, data, fire sprinklers and medical gases. Nurse call connection also being installed.
- **Ceiling grid preparations** - Work to install the framework that holds ceiling tiles.

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PwC’s Ivan Tcherkashnev demonstrates the modern materials in building fire systems — flexible segments of piping near nozzles, which can be adjusted after walls and ceilings are installed. Older methods of construction used rigid, fixed piping cut to size, which could not be adjusted easily.

*Left: A construction worker operates a machine that cuts new or re-shapes existing piping threads for the fire water system. Threads are the crucial point where pipes join together. The join points need to be strong and water-tight.*

Hemp is wrapped around a newly cut thread on a water pipe. It helps to create a strong, water-tight seal.
Works In Westmead Hospital

Work continues on the Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC).

The A3a refurbishment works continue with ongoing disruption in and around the area including level 2, 3 and access to and from the loading dock. See the refurbishment page for more information.

Construction continues of the first non-clinical New Ways of Working space on level 3 of the Oral Health building.
Precinct Works

Areas under construction

Car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff

The new pedestrian route is open (as shown)

Emergency Department

Westmead Hospital Main Entry

Loading Dock

Access to Mortuary Road has been reinstated.

Traffic control is in place to manage access to the loading dock. These works will last approximately 10 weeks.

Single lane closure during off-peak hours. Signage and traffic control is in place to assist. Please exercise caution.

The Emergency Department entry into car park P3 will be closed the afternoon of Friday, 30 June until the afternoon of Saturday, 1 July for a crane lift. Access for emergency vehicles only.

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