You may have noticed new signage appearing on the hoarding surrounding the construction site for the new multi-storey car park along Institute and Darcy road.

For many commuters, visitors and precinct staff this represents the first highly visible piece of construction work being undertaken as a part the Westmead Redevelopment. It is in this high traffic zone that we will begin to see the new building being built level by level between now and mid-2017.

Once completed, the new multi-storey structure will represent a significant milestone for the Westmead Redevelopment Project as the first major increase in car parking for staff and visitors at Westmead.

The new facility will consist of eight levels and provide 1250 car spaces.

The new multi-storey car park is just one element of the $72 million which has been committed for car parking at Westmead. This includes a new modern car park management system for the precinct, additional on grade parking, better security, improved lighting, footpaths and CCTV.

We want to remind all staff that these works are occurring in a high congestion area adjacent to multiple pedestrian routes and vehicular access roads so please remain alert and exercise caution when in the vicinity.

The Westmead Redevelopment Redevelopment team are working hard to ensure the safety of all staff and visitors. As always, if you have any questions or wish to report any issues, please contact us on 1800 990 296 or email us at: WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
Hospital Planning Pushes Ahead

The planning phase is ramping up for the Westmead Redevelopment. The first of many plans are heading off for approval before going to the architect.

Over 20 Project User Groups (PUGs) have commenced work on plans for the new acute services building – part of the planning phase called Schematic Design.

Members of PUGs are drawn from departments and services across Western Sydney Local Health District and the Children’s Hospital at Westmead. They include consumers, doctors, nurses, allied health staff, support staff and planners.

During June 2016 PUGs reviewed and finalised their functional briefs, which explain to the architects how each department delivers care, what the important physical relationships are and what types of rooms are needed. The architects use the functional brief to draw up the initial plans which detail the high level layout of departments and services.

Always ahead of the game, on 22 June the first of our PUGs signed off on their schematic design plans. That PUG was the Healthcare for Older People Earlier (HOPE) PUG. Members are pictured here celebrating the milestone.

During the schematic design phase we start to see detail around the layout of departments and services. Floor plans have areas marked in big blocks that indicate departments, functional areas and spaces like lifts and walkways. The schematic design phase is expected to wrap up by the end of October.

“It’s great that we could lead the way and be number one,” joked Ray Cabela the HOPE PUG champion.

The new building will include a purpose designed 12 bed unit for the care of older people. This unit is collocated with the Emergency Department, which will be a game changer for Westmead.

Ray continued, “Yes, we’re part of planning a hospital and that includes what and who goes where in a building. It’s also a chance to review our models of care. All the PUGs see this as a great chance to deliver the best care for our patients – to be the best in Australia and world-leading.”

“As a result of our PUG’s extensive planning we will minimise the length of stay in Emergency for older patients. What an exciting time to be involved,” he said.

Between now and September 2016 PUGs will be reviewing and amending plans, like the ones pictured here. There are work-in-progress plans for each of the 12 floors plus the new public plaza that will face Hawkesbury Road and for the refurbishment program.

Read more about the planning process at westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au.

The project team sends our congratulations to the HOPE PUG!
Important information on our works

- Please be patient, there will be disruption on the campus over the next five years.
- Check signs around your usual parking area for upcoming changes as the project progresses.
- Follow instructions from site staff.
- Walk only on marked paths.
- Report any concerns or questions you have to the Project Office – 1800 990 296

Works On Site

Disruptions along Institute Road continuing. Traffic control in place. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.

Car parking construction. Access to Oval is closed until the new car park is opened in August 2016.

Infrastructure upgrades underway.

Construction of the new helipad commencing soon.

The old Fleet Services car park is now closed.

Car parks closed for construction. Changed traffic conditions.