A Westmead Redevelopment delegation visited Hornsby Hospital on Thursday, 1 September. The visit was part of the planning process for inpatient units in the central acute services building.

Hornsby Hospital recently opened inpatient units. The key reason for the visit was to view the configuration of clinical support areas.

The visiting group included members of the Westmead Redevelopment project team, architects, nursing unit managers from a number of wards in Westmead Hospital and Kylee Macaulay, the PUG champion on inpatient unit Project User Group (PUG).

The visitors chatted to Hornsby Hospital staff about their experiences in relation to the layout of their medication rooms and staff spaces.

The visit was incredibly helpful for planning. It helped everyone to refine their thinking about clinical support zones in inpatient units in the new central acute service in services building, which is scheduled to open in 2020. Much work is to be done between now and then.

“IT was a great opportunity to visit Hornsby. It helped us enormously with our thinking around design and spaces in the inpatient units. As a result of the visit we have recommended some changes to the current design plans,” said Jill Waring, NUM of Plastics Vascular Head and Neck Surgical Unit, at Westmead Hospital.

These recommendations will be incorporated into the planning of the inpatient units in the coming weeks and will be able to be seen in a simulation planned for the Westmead Educational Conference Centre (WECC) in the coming weeks.

Want to know more about planning?

To keep updated on the planning work underway, like planning for inpatient units, visit the Latest News section of our website.

To find out more about the central acute services building, visit the building’s project page on our website.

Have you seen our recent video? We take you behind the scenes of a planning meeting, which includes a sample floor plan, plus artist’s impressions of the new hospital building.

If you have any questions about the planning process, or want to know how you can get involved, please contact us on 1800 990 296 or email us.
Workshop looks at our new ‘front door’

Shelter in green spaces, clear signage that can be understood when you’re stressed or struggle reading English, and portable charging stations for mobile devices were among the many suggestions from community members at a planning workshop for the central acute services building last week.

Participants heard a presentation from the architects and staff from Westmead Redevelopment then participated in three rounds of activities. Attendees were asked to share their ideas on what could improve the experience of patients, carers, families, students and visitors including navigation. Sticky notes were placed on boards with artist’s impressions and the new virtual reality goggles helped to bring discussions alive.

The event included a detailed discussion around future parent rooms in the new hospital building — rooms that exist in many hospitals and shopping centres. These rooms are an important space to change, dress and calm children with and without special needs. Community members emphasised the importance of designing these spaces so that the weight and size of adults could also be supported into these rooms and onto change tables.

Workshop attendee Christine Fam said, “I’ve spent a lot of time in Westmead recently with my grandmother. Coming to hospital is not a fun experience for most people. The spaces need to help us find where we need to go, whether we are a patient, support person, loved one or general visitor. We also need places to sit, reflect and even grieve. There’s clearly lots going on in the project and it’s a great time to have my say and share my thoughts.”

Andrew Newton, General Manager of Westmead and Auburn Hospitals, reflected on the insights that community members brought to the event.

“There was so much energy in the room. We are so thankful to this group who gave up their precious time to help our planning team. Community input is integral to both the Westmead Redevelopment planning process and wider work that’s underway looking into how we provide health services across the Westmead precinct.”

“Once the new hospital building opens, and refurbished areas are complete, I will be able to walk the corridors and literally see the impact of community input through the spaces and impact on our services.”

Andrew Newton, GM of Westmead and Auburn Hospitals (top left) with community members and staff at a workshop to discuss the entrance to the new hospital building. Staff members from Westmead Hospital, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead and Westmead Redevelopment.
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

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

Redevelopment works, but no disruption

Construction works continuing in this location. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.

New road construction works underway. Works due for completion by early September.

Access through the precinct will be blocked at this location from 6pm Friday, 2 September—Sunday, 4 September. This works will continue again from 6pm Friday 9 September—Sunday 11 September and from 6pm Friday, 16 September—Sunday, 18 September. Car park P6 will also be closed between these times.

Area closed for construction.