The Children’s Hospital at Westmead Project User Group (PUG) Champions recently presented what months of hard work has delivered in planning for the proposed spaces in the new central acute services building.

“The new Children’s Emergency Department will be twice the size of the current department. The Emergency Medical Unit (EMU) is expected to go from our current eight beds to 18, with beds opening progressively over time. This gives us the surge capacity we need” said Leonnie Dawson, Emergency Nurse Manager and PUG Champion.

“Over the years we have been able to add to our department, but this new space will provide an opportunity for us to develop a new Emergency Department that genuinely transforms the way we provide care, and that can adapt over time.”

Dr Joanne Ging, PUG Champion for the Short Stay Unit had a similar tale to tell.

“On any given day we have 26-30 patients in the Hospital who are staying less than two nights. Most of those come through the Emergency Department. These patients are spread across the Hospital as well as there being eight beds in the Medical Assessment Unit on Hunter Baillie Ward.

“The new Short Stay Unit will have capacity to grow to 32 beds, and this will allow us to completely change how we deliver care to our patients who require a short stay - 28 of the overnight rooms will be single rooms.”

PUG Champions Peter Barclay from Pharmacy and Saska Kadiev from Medical Imaging both spoke about how the centrally located satellite facilities located in close proximity to the Emergency Department would mean less travel time for the patient, and contribute to a new model of care across the board. Medical Imaging services will be right next to Emergency and this will assist in diagnosis and treatment in a timely manner. They have also been designed so that paediatric patients are not mixed in with adult patients so as to maintain service without exposing children to the adult environment.

The new high-end Operating/Interventional Suite in the central acute services building will provide access for children to intraoperative MRI, CT and future advances in robotics as well as electrophysiological studies in the interventional laboratories.

PUG Champion for the Operating/Interventional Suite Colleen Hamilton said: “We will have access to high end medical technology in the new building that would not otherwise have been available to children. To ensure children have privacy on this shared floor we will have separate lift access and a dedicated pre and post operative recovery area.”

Staff are encouraged to contact any of the PUG Champions should they have a comment or query.

The plans are available for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead staff to view on the Westmead precinct page under ‘Quick Links’ on the SCHN intranet homepage. WSLHD staff can go to the Westmead Redevelopment page on the intranet for all information related to the project.

Families, patients and staff will have a range of opportunities to provide input as the designs are developed over the coming months.

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Have you visited the new Staff page on the project website?
westmeadproject.health.nsw.gov.au/staff
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Staff update: Partial release of testing area

Since July, the level 1 old staff cafeteria space in Westmead Hospital has been transformed into a testing space for the Westmead Redevelopment planning process. We are pleased that we can release a portion of this space back to staff for recreational use.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding as this important work carries on.

We will continue to use taped floor areas to simulate the layout of a bed room, staff areas and support areas in a typical ward.

Through these tests, we continue to improve and refine our work-in-progress designs so that it can meet the needs of our services, staff, patients, carers, families and students.

We’ve also been testing a range of equipment on a temporary linkway prototype (the large wooden ramp structure you see in this space). The linkway will link Westmead Hospital and The Children’s Hospital at Westmead during the construction of the new hospital building. The equipment tested on the ramp includes neonatal cribs, food trolleys and wheelchairs.

We anticipate opportunities for you to watch and participate in future sessions and will update you as they are confirmed.

In addition to the released spaces there are alternative recreation spaces for you to use include the Special Functions Room (when not in use), courtyards nearby and main cafeteria areas.

We will continue to update you on our planning and testing work, in the level 1 old staff cafeteria and around the Westmead precinct. Please contact the project office if you have any questions, concern or would like to know how to get involved.

Last Tuesday the Westmead Redevelopment project team held another staff and community pop up event in Westmead Hospital at the Info Hub.

Thank you if you stopped by!

Community members and staff continue to be excited about the artist’s impressions of the new hospital building. The building, which opens in 2020, will transform Hawkesbury Road and will create a new ‘front door’ to the Westmead precinct.

The virtual reality goggles continue to be a hit. If you missed it, keep your eyes peeled for the next event. We’ll announce a date soon for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead (in the galleria i.e. inside the main entrance).
The next section of Institute Road Car Parking will open on Monday, 7 November 2016.

The new car park can be accessed from **New Road only** via Darcy Road and Mons Road (as shown on the map).

The existing Institute Road car parking will remain accessible from new Road.

Staff passes are required to gain access and valid parking permits must clearly be displayed.
Car Parks Closing Soon

- Staff car park P4 and part of the staff car park for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead is closing before Christmas
- This will become the construction site for the new central acute services building for the next four years
- There will be major changes to traffic flows through the precinct
- Keep reading the project update to learn more about key changes and dates
Upcoming Traffic and Transport Staff Forum

Tuesday, 8 November - 12pm-1pm

Where: Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC), John Loewenthal Auditorium

The next Westmead Redevelopment Traffic and Transport Staff Forum will cover:

- Changes to precinct traffic flow
- Upcoming opening and closures of car parks
- An update on construction works
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 November-Early December
- Construction works continuing in this location. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.
- New Children’s Hospital at Westmead car park access works underway. Works to be complete early November
- Construction of the new helipad
- Services investigations in preparation for linkway construction
- This section of the Institute Road car park is now open
- Area closed for site preparation
- Cranes now active on site