Westmead Hospital staff car park P4 is closing before Christmas. This location will become the construction site for the new central acute services building for the next four years.

CHW Hospital Road and Westmead Hospital Road will be blocked off—there will be no thoroughfare into the back of the precinct. This will mean major changes to traffic flows through the precinct.

Alternative parking is available off New Road, within Mons Road temporary car park and at the oval car park (once it is completed in late December).

For any questions, contact the Redevelopment team on 1800 990 296 or email us at WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
UCrane Bolt officially launches at Westmead!

Last week students from The Children’s Hospital at Westmead School got the chance to "drive" UCrane Bolt as the giant crane was officially welcomed to the Westmead Redevelopment site.

The students from the school were responsible for the 34-metre-high crane's quirky name, taking inspiration from one of the world’s greatest athletes, runner Usain Bolt, in naming the first crane to work on the Westmead Redevelopment project.

The crane, which arrived earlier this month, has its name in lights and plays an integral role in the construction of the new multi-storey car park at Westmead Hospital.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead School principal Mercedes Wilkinson said the students were thrilled to be involved in the project.

“We were so excited to have our children involved in naming the Westmead Redevelopment’s first crane,” she said.

“Our students couldn’t go past a good pun and with the Olympics still fresh in their minds, we were incredibly impressed with their creativity.”

Students at the school are patients, or siblings of patients, and could be in the classroom for anywhere from a few days to a number of months.

“We are hoping the man himself, Usain Bolt, will consider a visit to Sydney to meet some of the children behind the clever name and see the crane for himself,” Mercedes said.

Westmead Hospital general manager Andrew Newton said: “the naming of the crane is really important for us, as we will use it as an identifier while it is on site.

“It is also a light-hearted reminder to the construction team of the thousands of patients that will benefit from their efforts”.

Corey and Ben imitate UCrane Bolt

“By this time next year, there will be three cranes across the Westmead Redevelopment; getting some of the patients and their siblings on board as part of the process to name this first one was great fun.”

The students also received some Lego cranes to build in their classrooms.

UCrane Bolt also has its own Twitter account (@UCrane_Bolt), allowing people to follow its activities on the construction site.
UCrane Bolt—The LEGO version

Deacon, Sharrina, and Ben with the LEGO crane gift

Corey-Lee, Deacon, Ben and Sharrina hold up the LEGO construction workers

Sharrina, Corey-Lee and Westmead Redevelopment communications officer Tim Dunbar construct the crane

The LEGO crane takes shape!

Sharrina, Ben and Corey continue their work on the LEGO crane
Last Wednesday staff tested an advanced life support scenario in Westmead Hospital. This test was part of the Westmead Redevelopment planning process for the new hospital building.

Staff from the Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) simulation lab and doctors and nurses from Westmead Hospital came together in a new purpose-built testing space. This exercise was part of testing for the new inpatient unit in the central acute services building which opens in 2020.

The new single patient room was constructed and fitted out with beds, trolleys and medical equipment to replicate the new rooms.

The simulation team ran a mock scenario of a deteriorating patient to test how staff will work within the spaces. Participants were able to get a feel of how they will move, access and interact with staff and medical equipment.

This test also showed how far the planning process has progressed and has outlined improvements which are still required before designs are finalised.

“This exercise made the planning process very real for the participants. There are some things you just can’t test while looking at a floor plan,” said Nathan Moore, Nurse Educator Simulation, from the WSLHD simulation lab.

“Other tests like this scenario will continue with a full range of staff, clinicians students and consumers throughout 2017 and into the new hospital building.”

“Our scenario participants were selected from across Westmead Hospital’s inpatient unit, members of project user groups (called PUGs) and the Westmead Redevelopment project team. The results of today will feed back directly into ongoing planning and design work. This information is crucial for the architects and will influence many decisions —right down to the choice and placement of equipment and height of trolleys and storage.”

Simulation attendees: Ashoke Banerjee, Andrew Coggins, Laura Brown, Leah McDonald
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

- The final section of the New Road is now open. Access through the precinct is available only via New Road or Redbank Road.
- Car parking construction. Access to oval is closed until the new car park is opened in late December.
- Construction works continuing in this location. Please follow the instructions of traffic wardens.
- Services investigations in preparation for linkway construction.
- Westmead Hospital thoroughfare access closed from Tuesday, 13 December.
- WIMR linkway is now closed.
- CHW Hospital Road thoroughfare access is closed from Tuesday, 6 December.
- Area closed for site preparation.
- Cranes now active on site.
- The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.
- Construction of the new helipad.