Westmead wins safety award

Congratulations to the Westmead Redevelopment early and enabling works contractors A W Edwards in winning the 2016 Master Builders excellence in construction site safety award.

We caught up with A W Edwards project manager Reuben Lagos to find out more about what the award means for the Westmead team.

What does this award mean to you and AW Edwards team?

The MBA Award is judged by our industry peer body, the Master Builders Association of Australia and WorkSafe NSW. Having them walk through our site in detail, understand our procedures, protocols and challenges and then commend us on what we have achieved and how we have achieved it is extremely rewarding. It’s a team effort by A W Edwards, our consultants and contractors. Everyone has played a part in this award.

The judges mention the highly complex and difficult environment you have been working in, what do you think has been the secret to your success?

Our success to date is a result of the hard work of our site team. The A W Edwards site team spends a great deal of time planning and investigating areas as much as possible prior to works taking place. Often this goes unnoticed—especially with the tasks that proceed without incident. Our success is a direct result of the quality and dedication of our site team.

What do you think about the broader project and the key role that AW Edwards has played in setting up the precinct for the future?

We often stand in car parks or areas that have now been handed over and mention how it was only 12 months ago we were standing there worried about snakes prior to demolition! We are very proud of what has been achieved. Playing a key role in turning this campus around in regards to staff parking and essential service upgrades will no doubt benefit the wider Westmead precinct.

Any other comments you’d like to make?

We would like to thank, in particular all consultants, sub-contractors and suppliers, many of whom have dedicated many hours of hard work to achieve the progress to date. We would also like to thank the continued support of NSW Health Infrastructure, Western Sydney Local Health District, the Westmead Redevelopment and all site stakeholders for their patience and strong ability to work with us to achieve common goals.
In 2017, we’re going to be closer to you than ever before

STAFF FORUMS ON CONSTRUCTION

Next year we’re building the new acute services building in the heart of the precinct. Please choose one of these staff forums to hear about the construction impacts - how we manage noise, vibration, dust and asbestos

Tuesday 6th December—12pm-1pm
Westmead Hospital, WECC Seminar Room 2

or

1:30pm – 2:30pm
Westmead Institute for Medical Research Conference Rooms, entry via Hawkesbury Road

We’ll be continuing to hold these staff forums throughout 2017 to keep you informed of all changes

As always, if you can’t make the forum we’re happy to answer questions directly. Please contact us on 1800 990 296 or email at: WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au

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REMEMBER: Changes To Precinct Access

- Institute Road is now a **no-through road**—there is no access to Redbank Road from Institute Road.
- Access through the precinct to Redbank Road is now available via **New Road**.
- Car park P6 is still accessible via Institute Road BUT there is no right turn when exiting the car park.
- If you have any questions, contact the project team on 1800 990 296 or email: **WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au**
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 January 2017

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

Area closed for site preparation

CHW Hospital Road thoroughfare access is closed from Tuesday, 6 December

Construction of the new helipad

Cranes now active on site