It’s our final update for the year! We’ll be back with our first update for 2017 on Monday, 16 January. We hope everyone takes a much needed break over the holiday period and come back ready for 2017! The Westmead Redevelopment team will continue to provide information on what to expect between now and when you come back next year. We want to remind everyone that works will be continuing over the break whilst everyone is away—so please be mindful that when you come back that there will be changes!
As 2016 comes to close, we are looking back on all that has been achieved, while looking ahead to a very exciting 2017!

We’d like to thank everyone that has been involved in the planning, construction and consultation work for the Westmead Redevelopment. We couldn’t have done it without you!

We’ve created a short video that celebrates some of our milestones and looks ahead. Check out our YouTube channel to view the video and to share it with your friends and family.

Take a look at our 2016: Year in Review brochure which celebrates our achievements in greater detail. It’s on our website in the Fact Sheets section. If you’d like a print copy please contact us.

Last Thursday we celebrated the efforts of our project user groups (PUGs) at an end of year event.

Leena Singh, Director Strategic Business Development and Commercial Services WSLHD, said after the event: “The planning undertaken at Westmead has been extensive and the combination of bringing together the expertise of the PUGs, Precinct staff, consumers and our Government partners will mean that the community of Western Sydney will continue to receive outstanding care into the future with some additional benefits such as better public transport options and accessibility into the Precinct.”

“I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our PUG champions and the many hundreds of staff and consumers who have contributed to the Planning of the Acute Services Building. The time and commitment put into this planning, when people have their day jobs has been admirable and really appreciated.

2016 was a big year, and 2017 promises even more momentum, with detailed design commencing and the site of the ASB being prepared. Its going to be an exciting year for all those who work on the Westmead Precinct.”

“The Executive and I would also like to thank the colleagues and loved ones who have supported PUG members while they created, reviewed and submitted plans and attended workshops and testing sessions—there were many early starts and late nights that we appreciated.”

This Wednesday evening we celebrate the significant contribution of our consumer representatives.

2017—bring it on!
With the announcement of the University of Sydney’s $60m investment at Westmead as part of an expansion of the programs and initiatives and upgraded to student spaces, the first major partnership project is about to begin—the Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) expansion and upgrade.

The WECC expansion and upgrade project is an exciting new development which represents the first major upgrade of shared education, training and research spaces for Westmead Hospital. The project will involve some refurbishments to the current WECC area and an expansion into the current level 1 old staff cafeteria. This is to be refurbished into contemporary, flexible shared learning spaces for staff and students. The new spaces will be IT enabled to support contemporary teaching and education practices.

We recently caught up with third year medical student Stephen Sanchez to get his thoughts on what the new WECC will mean for him and his peers.

**What impact do you think the refurbishment will have on the Westmead Precinct?**

I think the area will have a much more social and integrated feel. It means we’ll have a dedicated space for collaborative working. Its closeness to the front entrance of Westmead Hospital means that everyone is encouraged to stop by, sit down and perhaps catch up with a colleague, or meet someone new. It’s also a great opportunity to meet students from other disciplines as well as researchers, clinicians and other staff at Westmead.

**What are you most looking forward to about the refurbishment?**

I’m excited that I have a space that I can spend my spare time between classes in as opposed to thinking ‘what times do I have classes at Westmead today—okay I’ll come just for those and leave straight afterward.’

Having a group discussion with three to four of my peers in a dedicated space is something lots of people including myself like to do and often we find it difficult to locate a suitable space for this kind of work. Having these options easily accessible and available in the new WECC space will mean more open and spontaneous collaboration.

**How do you think the refurbishment will impact the amount of time you spend in the WECC?**

It will definitely increase the amount of time students and staff will linger in the area. People are much more likely to show up an hour before lectures and tutorials, stay during breaks or stay afterwards to run through group work. People will gravitate towards the space as somewhere to comfortably sit and engage with other students and Westmead staff.

**How will the refurbishment change the way you currently learn at Westmead?**

Having IT enabled spaces will greatly improve the ability to use electronic devices wirelessly in the WECC space and work on projects without needing to try and search for a spot where you can plug in a charger or access the internet. Accessing what you’re working on will be much quicker and maximising the amount of time you spend concentrating on your actual work will be a much simpler and swifter process.

The WECC expansion and upgrade project will commence in early 2017. Keep an eye out for more information about this exciting new partnership project between the Westmead Redevelopment, Western Sydney Local Health District and the University of Sydney in the new year!
Westmead Hospital staff on-grade car park P4 is closing on Monday, 19 December. The multi-storey section of car park P4 will remain open and will be accessible from New Road and Redbank Road ONLY following the Hospital Road thoroughfare access closure on Wednesday, 14 December.

The Westmead Redevelopment has committed to no net loss in car parking spaces for the duration of the project.

Recently commissioned car parking is available in the car parks off New Road, in the Mons Road temporary car park and in car park P6. The new oval car park will also open in late January.

This location will become the construction site for the new central acute services building for the next four years.

For any questions, contact the Redevelopment team on 1800 990 296 or email us at: WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
Current Car Parking Available For Westmead Hospital Staff
Precinct Road Closures

- Three major access roads through the Westmead precinct have now closed. There are now significant changes to staff access.
- Institute Road, CHW Hospital Road and Westmead Hospital Road (from Wednesday, 14 December) are now all no through roads.
- Access through the precinct is now available ONLY via New Road and Redbank Road.
- We ask that staff continue to obey safety signage and traffic controller instruction when navigating the precinct.
Westmead Hospital Staff
Traffic and Transport Forum

Where: Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC),
John Loewenthal Auditorium
When: Tuesday, 13 December, 12:00-1:00pm

The next Westmead Redevelopment staff forum will cover:

- Precinct traffic changes
- Car park changes
- Car parking fee changes
- What’s happening early next year
Important information on our works

- Please be patient, there will be disruption on the campus over the next three 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

- Dental linkway under construction
- Services investigations in preparation for linkway construction
- Westmead Hospital thoroughfare access closed from Wednesday, 14 December
- Car park infrastructure upgrades. Construction workers will be in car parks installing cabling equipment
- 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 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.
- WIMR linkway is now closed
- CHW Hospital Road thoroughfare access is closed from Tuesday, 6 December
- Area closed for site preparation
- Construction of the new helipad