An Exciting Multi-‘Story’

You may have noticed there’s lots happening around the multi-storey construction site at the moment. A large volume of works is currently underway to deliver a key component of parking infrastructure for Westmead.

An important part of the current works is preparing sections of the structure for major concrete pours. Every layer of concrete poured is an average of 240 cubic metres. It takes around 6 hours to pour this much concrete requiring one concrete truck roughly every 10 minutes with each truck carrying just 5 cubic metres of concrete—that’s a lot of concrete trucks!

The construction of the multi-storey car park also includes a landscaped pathway which will connect the new parking areas to the existing Westmead Hospital. There will also be a covered linkway from the multi-storey car park that will connect through to Westmead Hospital via the Westmead Centre for Oral Health.

The opening of the multi-storey car park will represent the first major increase in car parking number at Westmead. It will consist of eight levels, with one below ground and 1250 new spaces.

The new multi-storey will be completed in September 2017. As we work towards its completion we thank staff for their patience and understanding as disruptions continue.

We wish to remind everyone to exercise caution when navigating the precinct, please pay attention to the instructions of onsite traffic control and signage and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the project team on 1800 990 296 or email us.

Scaffolding and Acrow Props are used to suspend the structure prior to the next pouring of concrete to secure the next level.

Steel cabling is laid to reinforce the car park ramp prior to a concrete slab pour.

These metal columns contain interior steel reinforcing which slot together and are used as safer and more secure permanent supports as concrete is poured.
Members of the Westmead Redevelopment construction team have braved the cameras for a Valentine’s Day fundraising campaign for bigHEARTED month.

Four construction contractors, from ADCO and FORMTEC, have volunteered their time to help the Westmead Medical Research Foundation as part of their annual bigHEARTED month fundraising campaign. Tim, Michael, Matt and George braved forty degree-plus temperatures as they posed for photos and delivered video messages for a campaign video. View the video here.

This February, the Foundation invites you to be part of the #bigHEARTED MONTH. Instead of exchanging roses, cards and chocolates – make a donation that shows a truly bigHEARTED gesture.

Every day, highly specialised researchers and dedicated medical staff at Westmead work hard to find new ways to beat the diseases that affect our community and provide patients with the latest innovations in clinical care.

To find out more about the campaign, and to make a donation, go to: http://bigheartedmonth.org.

Share your photos on social media using the hashtags— #bigHEARTED #WesternSydney #MyWestmead

Thanks to Tim, Michael, Matt and George. Hollywood may be calling next time! Don’t forget us.
The Westmead Education and Conference Centre (WECC) Upgrade and Expansion project officially kicked off over the Christmas break with targeted refurbishments on level 2 of Westmead Hospital.

The redesign and refurbishment of the WECC is a key project of the partnership between the University of Sydney, WSLHD and SCHN at Westmead.

The next stage of works will see the old staff cafeteria on level 1 transformed into contemporary, flexible shared learning spaces for staff and students as well as a new eating area for staff.

Late last year we touched on the role Information Technology would play in supporting and enabling current and future teaching and education practices within the WECC. Technology will play a key role in the design of the new areas and their functionality.

High definition technology such as the document camera pictured will be utilised to provide an innovative upgrade to the overhead projectors of old. An object can be placed on the designated viewing table and the image is able to be projected onto multiple screens in the learning space.

You may have seen our new WECC information board

Opposite the WECC offices is the newly erected WECC upgrade and expansion project information board. Make sure to stop by and read about what’s planned for the newly refurbished zones.

We’ll be continuing to update this space with new and exciting content as works progress so make sure to stop by regularly to stay up to date with all the latest WECC information!
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The key objectives for IT systems within the WECC are functionality, reliability and flexibility. These systems will be designed with the capacity to support a range of different activities and collaboration.

“It’s important that the IT systems reflect the environment we are creating,” University of Sydney project manager George Khouri said. “Staff and students need to feel confident they can find a suitable spot to work with their peers on projects in bookable private rooms, or hold impromptu discussions and exchange ideas in the informal spaces, and that the IT support systems will aid the ability to do this simply and easily.”

The WECC project represents the first major partnership project between the University of Sydney, WSLHD and SCHN as part of the vision for a heightened level of collaboration between each organisation. It follows the successful delivery in 2016 of the clinical simulation laboratory to support nursing education, and the creation of a Westmead-based cohort for the Masters of Nursing (Graduate Entry) program. The University has committed to invest over $60 million to support education, training and research infrastructure and strategies at the Westmead precinct. This investment is the first instalment of the University of Sydney’s commitment to invest $500m into Westmead for infrastructure and programs over the next 15 years.

The next phase of the WECC Upgrade and Expansion project will commence in February. Keep an eye out for more information to come about as we move closer toward the start of works on the new level 1 WECC areas.

If you have any questions you’d like to ask the Westmead Redevelopment team about the WECC project, contact us on 1800 990 296, or email us at WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au

Dual projection screens are shown in one of the lecture theatres

Screen and laptop connectivity is showcased in a collaborative working space

AV systems are shown which enable the display of booking information outside a flexible seminar room

An overhead view of a bookable meeting room in the WECC
Works On Site

Car park opening soon
Car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff
Areas under construction

**Major changes to parking will continue throughout 2017. We will provide information about any future changes in the weekly Westmead Redevelopment project update.**

The final section of open air car parking is now open
The Oval car park is now open
Car park infrastructure upgrades. Construction workers will be in car parks installing cabling equipment

*The Oval car park* is now open

The car park P4 multi-storey is now closed
Construction of the new helipad

Dental linkway under construction

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Baseline Map [Jan-2017]