Westmead Redevelopment consumers have reviewed progress on the design of in-patient units for the new hospital building at a recent workshop.

At the first meeting for 2017, consumers reviewed presentations from the Westmead Redevelopment building architects, HDR Rice Daubney, before going on a tour of a simulation area.

The architects showed the current 3D images and floor plans of the standard adult in-patient unit rooms.

65 per cent of adult in-patient bedrooms in the new hospital building will be single patient rooms, which is appropriate for the expected mix and activity of patients. The remaining patient bedrooms are two-patient rooms.

Features of the patient rooms include windows that will offer heat protection and avoid glare, while maximising natural light and views across Westmead and beyond. Bathrooms have been designed to minimise cleaning, maximise access to patients and to improve the patient and carer experience during routines like showering and toileting. The doors swing both ways - an important safety feature.

The furnishing and colour of patient rooms, are still to be decided. Current work is focussed on the placement and selection of furniture, fixtures and equipment e.g. medical equipment, power points, staff call buttons, basins and hand rails.

All single bedrooms can accommodate carers. Seven of the patient rooms on each in-patient unit will have dedicated carer zones - the design furnishings and colours of which, are to be decided. These zones will provider greater comfort for carers during longer-term visits.

All Westmead Redevelopment plans have been shaped by extensive consumer, partner, staff and project user group consultation as well as site visits to other hospitals, like Blacktown Hospital.

Want to get involved?

Contact us to find out more about what’s involved in being a Westmead Redevelopment consumer representative.

We are looking for people of all ages, cultural and language backgrounds, and from across western Sydney, not just Westmead.

Our consumer reference group meets every two months and other forums and workshops are set up as required to provide additional updates or to seek advice. You may wish to be involved in project user groups who meet outside of these meetings. Talk to us about your availability and interests.

We are also looking for community members to provide information and advice on a non-structured basis. This commitment may include:

- responding to questions or online surveys via email,
- a quick phone call,
- attending events to support our project team,
- or reviewing a document or plans

Find out more by contacting us on 1800 990 296 or drop us an email to WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au
The preferred route for stage 1 of the Parramatta Light Rail was announced last week. It has been announced that stage 1 will include a link from Westmead to Parramatta and on to Carlingford.

“The transformation at Westmead continues to gather pace, with a new light rail link reinforcing Westmead’s role as part of Australia’s booming city, Parramatta,” Danny O’Connor, chief executive Western Sydney Local District said.

“Parramatta Light Rail is an important addition to the transport mix at Westmead and supports our vision for Westmead as a liveable and workable health and education city that will continue to attract the best minds from across Australia and around the world.”

It is proposed that there will be 16 stops with services from early morning to late at night, every 7 and a half minutes throughout the day.

The Westmead Redevelopment project team are working with the Parramatta Light Rail team on the exact location of the stops along Hawkesbury Road. This is to ensure that the new drop off and entry areas, the light rail and the traffic flow are all seamlessly integrated.

“Light Rail comes to Westmead”

“The light rail route connecting Westmead to greater western Sydney will have a profoundly positive impact on patients, families, visitors and staff of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. The introduction of light rail further cements Westmead’s place as an innovative healthcare hub in New South Wales,” Michael Brydon, chief executive Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network said.

Construction is expected to start in 2018 and be completed by 2023.

Check out the ‘fly-through’ video, route map and fact sheet on the Parramatta Light Rail website.

The Light Rail project team will be visiting Westmead Hospital on Wednesday, 8 March. They’ll be engaging with staff and the local community around plans for the stage 1 route. Make sure to come by to hear more about what’s planned.

For more information about Parramatta Light Rail, contact the Light Rail project team on 1800 684 490 or email parramattalightrail@transport.nsw.gov.au
Tell us how we can do a better job of telling you important information about the hospital and the Westmead Redevelopment.

Westmead is transforming and the Westmead Redevelopment project is impacting us all. Whether it is a change in where you park, how you do your job or how you move around the hospital, there is a lot of information that is relevant to you.

We want to understand how we can improve the way we get information to you and how you provide input and feedback.

By taking 10 minutes to do this survey, and giving us your most honest answers, we can do a better job of getting you the right information, at the right time, through the right channels.


Precinct works are expanding

**Institute Road which now has single lane shared access entry and exit to car park P6**

**Significant changes to traffic flow continue across the precinct.**

The expansion of both the multi-storey car park and central acute services building construction sites has meant there has been major changes to pedestrian and vehicle access.

Due to works beside the multi-storey car park site, part of Institute Road has now been reduced to single lane access. Staff accessing car park P6 are now required to share a single entry and exit lane which is managed via traffic light system.

In addition, the central acute services building construction site has now been extended. This site now covers the remaining section of Westmead Hospital Road which is adjacent Westmead Hospital. Pedestrian access from this location will be maintained during construction and protective hoarding will be erected in this area to secure the route.

The Westmead Redevelopment project team are also aware of the issues related to the Darcy Road intersection as staff are exiting the car parks along New Road of an afternoon. We are in active discussion with Roads and Maritime Services, Transport for NSW and Parramatta City Council in relation to improving the surrounding infrastructure. We will continue to update staff as this work progresses.

We want to remind everyone that 2017 will be our biggest year yet for disruptions across the precinct. We’ll be seeing more construction activity than ever before and we ask that all staff continue to remain patient and alert when navigating the precinct. Please follow signage and the instruction of traffic control. To stay up to date with all major changes across the site, please continue to read the weekly project update. If you have any question or wish to express your concerns, please contact us on 1800 990 296 or via email at: [WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:WSLHD-WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au)
Westmead Hospital Staff Traffic and Transport Forum

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

When: Tuesday, 28 February, 12:00-1:00pm

The next Westmead Redevelopment staff forum will cover:

- An update on works
- Westmead Hospital refurbishments
- Precinct traffic changes
- Car park changes
- Parramatta light rail update
Works This Week

Areas under construction

Car parks currently available* for Westmead Hospital staff

Areas under construction

Changes to car park P6 access are now in place. Please follow traffic lights and signage and follow the instruction of traffic control.

Car park infrastructure upgrades. Construction workers will be in car parks installing cabling equipment.

Car park linkway under construction

Increased pedestrian traffic in this location. Please exercise caution.

Refurbishment of the old staff cafeteria area into the new WECC level 1 area commences on Wednesday, 22 February. This location will be inaccessible during works.

Central acute services building preparation works occurring in this location. Please use caution when accessing Westmead Hospital.

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