2016: Year in Review

We have TESTED, TAPED and TALKED.
We have LISTENED, LEARNED and LAUGHED.
We have CHALLENGED, CHANGED and CHAMPIONED.
We have DEMOLISHED, DRILLED and DUG.
# 2016: Planning highlights

**Advancement in planning**
More than 100 staff and consumers, across more than 20 project user groups (PUGs), participated in workshops, meetings and site visits.

**Consumer input into planning workshops**
Community ideas and feedback shaped planning and design decisions around the new hospital building, plaza, patient lounges and rooms.

**Staff briefings and input**
Meetings, briefings and events to update staff and volunteers. Westmead partners joined information events which included updates from Parramatta Light Rail and Transport for NSW.

**Resident and community information**
Circulated project updates, new artist’s impressions and questions to the community through project channels, resident letters, media stories and social media.

**Information sharing with other hospitals, site visits and workshops to learn from others**
Visits to other facilities informed planning and design of inpatient units, storage areas, clinical and non-clinical work areas, and the use of technology in these spaces.

**Challenged design principles**
Designed new spaces that embed education, training and research at the bedside. Engaged staff, students and consumers in building our digital hospital plan.

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# 2016: Construction highlights

**Short-stay redevelopment**
Expansion of specialised clinical care units - Healthcare for Older People Earlier (HOPE) and Emergency Short Stay Unit (ESSU) - at Westmead Hospital, increased patient beds and spaces.

**A new service trench**
An information and essential services “super highway” including high voltage upgrades, water and data, plus new cooling towers and new bulk oxygen tanks.

**Car parking preparation and construction**
Started the construction of a new multi-storey car park for staff and visitors, with direct access to Westmead Hospital and new open-air staff parking.

**Demolition, excavation and site preparation**
Prepared the site on Institute Road for new car parking and on Hawkesbury Road for the new hospital building.

**Construction of new roads and improvements**
Built a new access road and created temporary roads for construction and staff vehicles.
**2016: Westmead precinct highlights**

**NSW Budget 2016-2017 announcement**
The 2016-17 Budget provided almost $100 million towards the $900 million Westmead Redevelopment, which will transform the precinct into cutting-edge “super precinct”. Premier Mike Baird announced the allocation during a site visit to the service trench.

**Westmead Economic Study**
Westmead will become Western Sydney’s economic powerhouse with a cluster of up to 50,000 knowledge jobs by 2036. The study highlights Westmead’s key role as a part of Parramatta and unique features, including the opportunities for investment from health technology, allied health and innovation business.

**The University of Sydney partnership announcement**
The University of Sydney announced a $500 million investment in the precinct over the next 15 years to enhance the already active interdisciplinary collaborations between healthcare, research and education at Westmead. An initial investment delivering new and upgraded education and training spaces across the precinct will support the ongoing expansion of academic programs to include disciplines outside the traditional health professions.

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**2017: An exciting year ahead!**

**Rethinking how we work together**
Testing and implementing new clinical and non-clinical ways of working.

**Delivery of services and care**
Improving patient care and experiences - now and into the future.

**Technology solutions and digital hospital strategy**
Consultation and innovative thinking about how technology can further enhance healthcare delivery across Westmead.

**Transport**
Consultation with partners, community members and government agencies to improve transport services and connections.

**Simulation and testing**
Information gathering and solutions through workshops, meetings and patient scenarios.

**Way-finding**
Strategy development and planning to improve staff, patient, carer, visitor and partner experiences and navigation.

**Main entrance and patient room design**
Design decisions to transform patient experiences, services, interactions and care.

**Spaces for patients, families and carers**
Choices around colours, furnishings, materials and medical equipment.

**Patient transport**
Consultation to inform patient transport across the Westmead precinct including a buggy strategy.

**Community events and engagement**
Delivery of consumer events at the Westmead precinct, and greater Parramatta region.

**‘Green corridor’ and healthy living**
Planning initiatives and consultation to promote healthy living and access to green spaces across the greater Parramatta region.

**Arts and cultural programs**
Development of strategy to celebrate Westmead identity and culture.

and much more!
A new hospital building

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