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Professor Kathryn Refshauge, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney. “With Josh in the role, we will be able to focus on building research productivity and research impact across allied health and across our institutions. I have no doubt at all that we will see even better health outcomes for children at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, as well as improved access to care,” Professor Refshauge said.

Josh is the Director of the Paediatric Gait Analysis Service of NSW at the Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead). He designed and built the state-of-the-art Humpty Dumpty Paediatric Gait Analysis Laboratory and leads a team of engineers, biomechanists, physiotherapists, orthopaedic surgeons and rehabilitation physicians to optimise the orthopaedic management for hundreds of children with Cerebral Palsy and other movement disorders.

Internationally, Josh’s research focus is on Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT), the most common genetic nerve disease, which affects millions of people worldwide. As the Australian head of the Inherited Neuropathies Consortium, he leads production of international standards of care to rapidly implement new knowledge for the improved care of affected children and adults. His vision for the next five years is to reduce the burden of nerve, muscle and bone disorders for patients and society, and conduct excellent, innovative and original research to establish Australia as a model of world’s best practice.

“Appointment as a conjoint professor will help me lead the measurement and management of inherited neuropathies globally, and mentor the next generation of medical and allied health research leaders locally.” Josh said.
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Importantly, The Westmead Redevelopment is allowing better connections and the opportunity for greater integration across the precinct, especially between Westmead Hospital and The Children's Hospital at Westmead and the two major research institutes.

The acute services building will include new state-of-the-art operating theatres, extra inpatient beds and a new emergency department.

“The redevelopment will deliver a world-class health city that the growing population of western Sydney deserves,” Premier Baird said.

Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Danny O’Connor said centralising services in the acute services building will improve treatment and models of care for critically ill surgical patients.

“Westmead precinct partners are worked together to ensure better approaches to services and facility planning, patient access, transport and car parking,” he said.

A range of enabling works are now underway on site with critical upgrades to power, water, gas and other essential services to set up the precinct for future growth.

Work has also begun on the first stage of new car parking for patients, staff and visitors.

“In October 2015, the concept design for Stage 1 of the Westmead Redevelopment was unveiled.

The NSW Government has allocated $750 million to Stage 1 of the Westmead Redevelopment. A further $72 million has been allocated to build additional car parking on the precinct and $95 million for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead.
NEW MULTI-DECK CAR PARK FOR WESTMEAD

The Westmead Redevelopment is helping to deliver a long-term solution for traffic and transport issues across the precinct. Car parking is an essential element in any upgrade to health services and the investment in car parking at Westmead will complement the investment in the new acute services building and new emergency department.

The NSW government has committed $72 million for car parking at Westmead. This includes more than 1400 additional spaces across the Westmead precinct, a new multi-deck car park for Westmead Hospital, a new modern car park management system for the precinct, as well as better security, improved lighting, footpaths and CCTV.

Westmead Hospital general manager Andrew Newton explains that “while new parking is one way of mitigating traffic and transport problems for the precinct, the Westmead Redevelopment is also allowing us to address traffic and broader transport issues to improve access in and out of the precinct for patients and staff.”

PATIENTS AT THE CENTRE OF THE NOgIN NETWORK

For nearly 10 years the Clinical Nurse Consultants for Neurosciences at both Westmead Hospital and Westmead Private Hospital, have been successfully co-ordinating our Brain Tumour Support group, “NOgIN”. This unique service was developed in July 2006 to provide practical and emotional support to patients and their family members. It was clearly identified that existing general cancer information and support groups did not cater for the specific needs that arise from the unique challenges associated with brain tumours.

With the collaborative co-located neurosurgical services at Westmead, it was a clear vision for the two nurse consultants to implement their own joint support group. Due to the ongoing commitment and passion from the entire neuro-oncology team, this service has continued to grow. This includes the array of topics presented at the bimonthly information nights held at Westmead Private Hospital. Invited speakers include neurosurgical consultants, oncologists, palliative care consultants, clinical psychologist, allied health and patients/carers.

In combination with the educational evenings, the nurse consultants provide patients with a support pack prior to discharge from hospital. This also includes the NOgIN newsletter, which is available on the hospital’s websites. In addition, NOgIN is also registered with Brain Tumour Alliance Australia, the Cancer Council of NSW and has a trust fund with The Westmead Medical Research Foundation.

The ongoing success of NOgIN has been facilitated by annual fundraising events held during International Brain Tumour Awareness Week. Together, patients, relatives and the nurses from Westmead Private Hospital and Westmead Hospital have held a barbecue and worn their purple NOgIN shirts to promote awareness.

The increasing attendance and expansion of NOgIN over the past nine years is evidence this service is meeting the needs of our patients and their families. It also demonstrates how specialist nurses from public and private hospitals can work together to provide a combined service for all of their patients.

For further information contact Emma Everingham (Westmead Private Hospital) on 8837 8926 or Diane Lear (Westmead Hospital) on 9845 6946
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Seven News anchor and Ronald McDonald House Westmead Building Love Campaign ambassador Mark Ferguson also attended the building launch.

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In September 2015, Health Minister Jillian Skinner attended the soil-turning ceremony with the NSW Government supporting the development with $10 million.

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NEW SHORT STAY REDEVELOPMENT AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL

The Westmead Redevelopment has begun a number of early projects on the precinct. These early works mark the beginning of Westmead’s transformation.

Redevelopment works have commenced on the Westmead Hospital’s Emergency Short Stay (ESSU) and Healthcare for Older People Early (HOPE) units.

Both units play a vital role in providing clinical care for elderly and emergency patients at Westmead. ESSU is a space for emergency patients to recuperate, where they can be monitored by staff after visiting the Emergency Department. The HOPE unit provides a dedicated treatment area for people over 70 years of age, enabling staff to move elderly patients quickly out of the general Emergency Department for specialist assessment and fast track admission, or treatment and discharge.

Clinical Lead for HOPE and Older Persons Review and Assessment (OPERA) Ray Cabela is a keen advocate of the Short Stay Redevelopment which will provide a snapshot of what’s to come.

“It’s a taste of the future vision of the precinct. Not just for the immediate community, but also on a state and national level,” Ray said. “The redevelopment is positioning the Westmead precinct at the forefront of cutting edge healthcare design in western Sydney—as a model to be emulated by other facilities.”

“We are designing a space which reflects the high quality of care which Westmead staff currently provide and in doing so we can create a space where individuals can feel confident they, or their loved ones, are being looked after well,” Ray further added. “An increasingly user-friendly and well-equipped space will assist in providing the high level of care that patients need.”

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The Westmead Institute for Medical Research launched its new name in November 2015 unveiling the new brand and signage on their award-winning building.

Executive Director Professor Tony Cunningham told a large gathering of staff and supporters at the Institute’s Discovery Night in November that the new brand meets the Westmead Institute’s need for a visual identity which is more distinctive and better expresses the institute’s purpose.

“This new brand has much greater meaning: it’s a bold, confident and very human brand that puts the ultimate reason for our research at its centre,” he said.

Since its foundation almost two decades ago, the Westmead Institute’s research has been inspired by understanding patient needs.

Today the institute is drawing upon its great diversity of disciplines and skills to create new opportunities for novel cross-disciplinary research.

“We believe that it’s the combination of our translational focus and our transdisciplinary approach to medical research that transforms lives,” said Professor Cunningham.

“Now that we have a strong, clear and unifying brand message we are in a position to re-engage with the community and seek their support.”

Brand Steering Committee member Professor Graeme Stewart says the decision to retain Westmead in the brand is strategically important.

“There is a lot of history and equity in the word Westmead and with this rebrand we are positioning ourselves to benefit from the wave of interest currently washing through the health precinct.”

The new Westmead Institute brand is being supported by a new website and launch video which can be seen at [www.westmeadinstitute.org.au](http://www.westmeadinstitute.org.au)
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Celebrating 20 years in November 2015, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead is looking to the future with a wide range of consultation being undertaken as part of the new master planning process. The master plan is the first step in updating the future vision for our vital role on the precinct.

Clinical planning and redesign manager for the Director of Planning and Redesign for the Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network is conscious of the importance that the community will play in designing new spaces for clinical care, education and research.

“Our local western Sydney community have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to help create a health precinct that truly encompasses and integrates healthcare delivery, education and research across the population from birth to the elderly. The key focus for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead as we progress our master plan will be maintaining a clear strategy and continued communication and engagement with the precinct and the western Sydney community.”

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Western Sydney University is set to redevelop and revitalise its Westmead campus, with plans for the four-hectare site to include education, commercial, residential and community spaces.

The Westmead campus - along with the existing western Sydney University campus at Rydalmere and the planned high-rise campus for the Parramatta CBD - are integral to the university’s campus network.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Barney Glover says the Westmead site has the potential to become a gateway to the Westmead health and medical research precinct.

“The revitalisation of the site will be of major benefit to the broader Westmead health precinct and the local community, and will support its role as a critical hub for health and medical research for western Sydney,” he says.

Western Sydney University will continue to maintain a strong presence at Westmead and will retain ownership of the majority of the site. The site’s two heritage-listed buildings will be retained.

“These buildings in combination with the formal landscaped quadrangle planting to the west of the St. Vincent’s building, will create a central feature for the development and celebrate the site’s rich history,” says Professor Glover.
The Precinct Post is an initiative of the NSW Government’s Westmead Redevelopment.

Inquiries about the Precinct Post should be directed to the Westmead Redevelopment project office on 1800 990 296 or WSLHD WestmeadProject@health.nsw.gov.au.