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8,000 year old Aboriginal Hearth set to return to Country as part of a new hospital garden

One of the most significant excavations in NSW Health history, Aboriginal hearth stones recovered during excavations near Barker Street in 1995 will be celebrated as a symbol of welcome, healing and shared knowledge at the new Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building (ASB) garden.

It is thought the site would have been used for gatherings and cooking on the sand dunes next to Dawes Creek, on which the Randwick Hospitals Campus and the new hospital stand today. Evidence of fish oil were found on the stones, with a carbon date of up to 8,000 years old.

The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council have generously offered South Eastern Sydney Local Health District support for the 1995-recovered Hearth to be permanently displayed at the hospital entrance.

During test excavations for the new ASB carried out in 2019, a second Hearth was uncovered by Elder, Uncle David Ingrey, and an expert group of Aboriginal Archaeologists.



Pictured: Hearth stones uncovered during site excavations



This remarkable find strengthens evidence of the La Perouse Aboriginal Community's continued and unbroken Connection to Country.

In consultation with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Office of Environment and Heritage, the artefacts were safely removed and returned to the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council on behalf of the community.

This significant cultural artefact display is representative of the Precinct Partners' commitment to celebrating the unique cultural heritage of the site and the new hospital's Arts & Culture Strategy, with its vision for the new ASB to: **engage, enliven and inspire our community through celebrating and sharing our stories, our history and our environment.**

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Families lend a hand in designing Randwick's new Children's ICU



The Randwick Campus Redevelopment team has been working with families and our architect to ensure the project improves the patient and family experience, enables new models of care and transforms kids' health care.

Underpinning the new design are numerous patient stories like Dusty's. Dusty was born with a rare condition that prevented food and saliva from travelling from his mouth to his stomach, meaning that everything he swallowed risked obstructing his lungs.

Three months after his birth in May 2019, Dusty was transferred to the Children's Intensive Care Unit (CICU) at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick (SCH). There, his family spent six months going back and forth to Dusty's bedside.

"Privacy in the time of being in CICU is everything. It is a very overwhelming time for everybody in there, patients and parents alike," his mum Claire recalled.

"I do understand that sometimes it isn't possible, but I had never spent a night with my son from birth. I found it very hard to come to terms with."

The experiences of families like Dusty's have informed the layout of the new CICU on the first floor of the future SCH, with parent discharge surveys and community consultation allowing continuous feedback throughout the design process.



Pictured left to right: Dusty was cared for by staff at the Children's ICU at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick in 2019;

Dusty, now aged three, in a photo taken by his mother Claire

The unit will include 24 intensive care beds and six close observation beds; for the first time, they will be single-patient bedrooms to give families more privacy and autonomy. Carer zones will also allow parents to sleep near their child's bed.

Family amenities will make it more convenient for parents to stay on-site, including a private lounge, food preparation area, breastfeeding facilities and overnight accommodation. An outdoor terrace will feature a safety-conscious garden, including gas and electricity for ventilated patients.

Clinical Nurse Specialist and Redevelopment Project Lead Natalie Pidcock said the first consideration was always the patient with every decision made in the redevelopment.

"How is this going to improve their hospital experience? What can we create to make the experience more comfortable for them?" Ms Pidcock explained.

"The patient is at the centre of everything we do."

The CICU, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Paediatric Intensive Care units are part of a \$658 million commitment to deliver the brand new Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre at Randwick.

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PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL ACUTE SERVICES BUILDING

Take a virtual walk through the Acute Services Building

With construction of the new Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building (ASB) rapidly progressing, the Randwick Campus Redevelopment team are excited to give staff the opportunity to check out the new hospital through a series of virtual tours.

Presented by the Change & Commissioning team in partnership with clinical staff members, the tours take you through the new hospital, pointing out the key features as you go along.

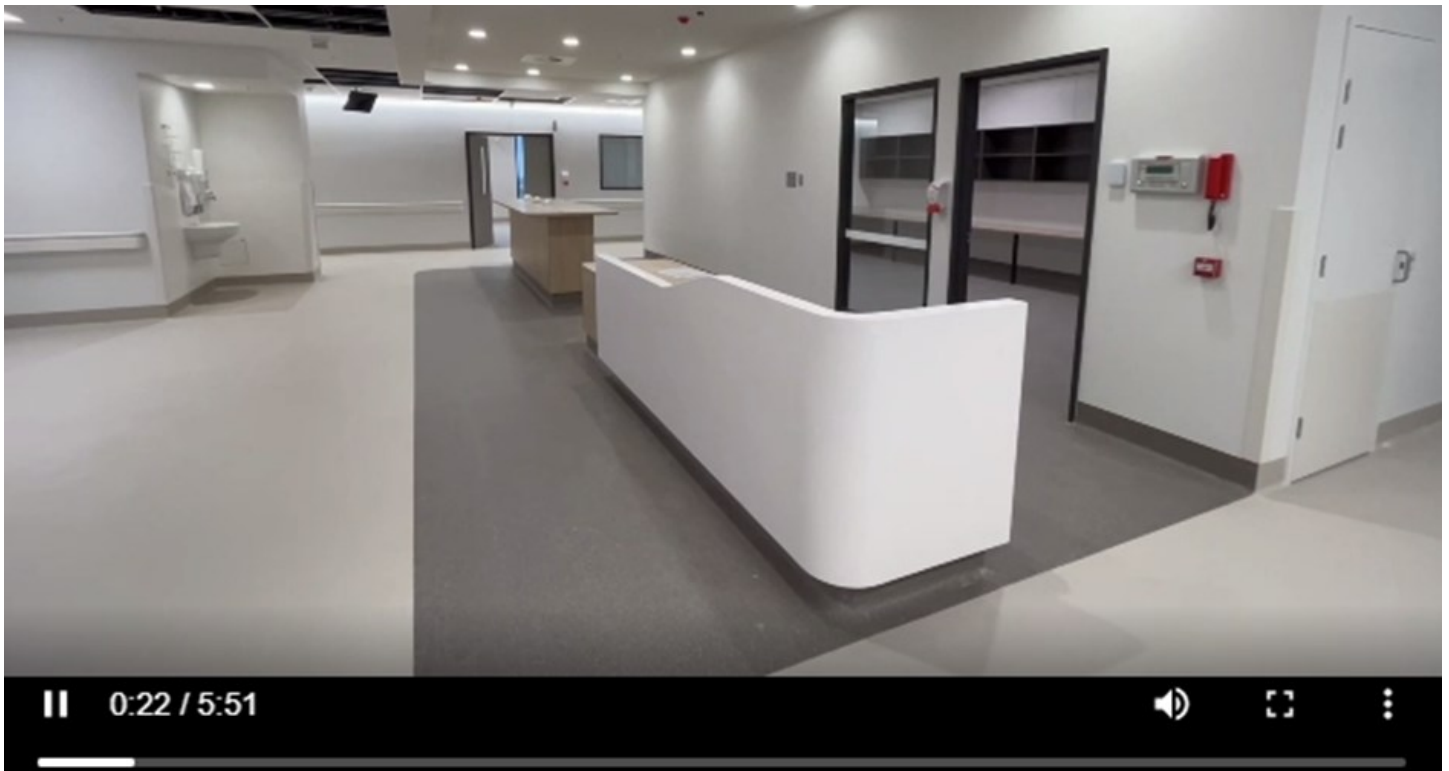
“The virtual tours are a fantastic opportunity for staff to get a feel for what the new hospital will look like” said Rosemary Cullen, Operational Commissioning Manager for the Randwick Campus Redevelopment.

“From October, all staff will have the opportunity to tour the ASB, as we start to test workflows, staff and patient journeys, and get familiar with the hospital. In the meantime, we encourage staff to watch the virtual tours online,” said Rosemary.

Four virtual tours are now available to [watch on the Intranet](#), with more to be released soon. Check out part of the new ED on level B2, the ICU on level 3, the new Operating Theatres on level 1, or the Orthopaedics inpatient unit on level 5.

The countdown is now on, with the ASB set to open its doors to the public in early 2023.

[Click here to watch the virtual tours!](#)



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A glimpse at the new Intensive Care Unit in the ASB

Each month, we take a look at one of the new departments in the ASB.

Located on level 3, some of the key features of the new ICU include:

- ✓ 100% single rooms (25m² compared with the current 12m²)
- ✓ Sliding glass doors between adjoining pairs of rooms
- ✓ A simulation skills space for teaching and learning real life medical and nursing scenarios
- ✓ A patient balcony with capacity for two patients
- ✓ Purpose built office and meeting spaces, including two overnight staff rooms
- ✓ A pandemic pod, providing additional negative pressure capacity in a pandemic situation



Reception



Staff station



Simulation space



Handwash basin and staff station

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Equipment and furniture in the ASB. What's new and what's not?

For those departments transitioning into the ASB, all clinical equipment and beds will be moved from your current working space into your new working space.

Clinical equipment and beds nearing end of life should be replaced prior to the move by your department, as part of the usual replacement process.

For specific information relating to your area, please ask your Manager or [Change and Commissioning Coordinator](#).

The following furniture and ICT equipment will be new in the ASB:

- ✓ Desks and office chairs
- ✓ Visitor and patient lounge furniture
- ✓ Storeroom shelving
- ✓ Phones

There will be some additional clinical equipment and beds being purchased, to meet the expansion of services in the ASB.

Thanks for visiting us at Barker Street!

The Randwick Campus Redevelopment team were excited to spend two days speaking with staff, patients and visitors about the three major infrastructure projects putting Randwick at the forefront of health, research and innovation.

It was a fantastic opportunity to answer questions and provide practical advice to Prince of Wales Hospital staff ahead of the upcoming transition into the new ASB, as well as give people an overview of the other projects underway and how together, they will bring together world class education, research and healthcare as part of the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct.

If you didn't get a chance to speak to the team but have a question about the Randwick Campus Redevelopment, contact randwickcampusredevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au



Pictured: Christina Kingen, Precincts Communications Officer from UNSW with Rosemary Cullen, Operational Commissioning Manager for the ASB

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Consumers test wayfinding signage for the new hospital

Pictured: Consumers and members of the project team reviewing prototype components of internal and external signage



As part of the Wayfinding Strategy for the Randwick Campus Redevelopment, clear and intuitive signage will ensure visitors to the Randwick Hospitals Campus are able to easily move around and navigate the new and old buildings on the campus.

Clear wayfinding is essential to opening a new hospital, and consumer consultation an important step in ensuring the signage is practical and easy to follow.

Consumer representative, Jenny Horder recently accompanied members from the redevelopment project team and signage consultants (Urbanite, BVN and Central Signs) to review some of the signage prototypes for the exterior of the ASB.

Together, the team reviewed a large 1x2m illuminated prototype, which will direct people to the new Adult Emergency Department, as well as individual lettering prototypes that will eventually make up the main sign on the exterior of the new hospital.

Everything from the font type, the size, colour, materials, LED lighting and ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the signage was discussed.

Jenny and fellow member of the redevelopment Consumer & Community Advisory Committee, Gail Parsonage also took part in a tour of the ASB, where they were able to get a first look at some of the internal signage that is currently being installed within the building.

Jenny and Gail were able to view the signage from the perspective of a visitor or patient, providing feedback on the visibility, clearness and practicality of the signs.

“As someone who knows how confusing it can be for a patient or loved one visiting a hospital for the first time, it is so important to get wayfinding right. It was fantastic to see some of the signs starting to be installed as the new hospital takes shape. I look forward to continuing to consult with the project team as a representative of the community,” said Jenny.

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Construction underway on new Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick

Construction of the \$658 million Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 redevelopment and Australia's first Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre is set to start, with the appointment of the main works contractor.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard and Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton announced John Holland Pty Ltd will deliver the state-of-the-art facility.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the redeveloped paediatric hospital and the new dedicated research facility will deliver life-changing care to some of the state's most unwell children.

"This record investment by the NSW Government in paediatric health care is a game-changer for the children of NSW," Mr Hazzard said.

"The statewide facility puts world-leading research at the forefront of health care, integrating scientists, clinicians and educators, to help our youngest and most vulnerable patients. A new paediatric Virtual Care Centre will also improve choices and access to 24/7 care for patients and families throughout NSW."

The new building is part of a record investment by the NSW Government of \$1.3 billion in paediatric healthcare across the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network and includes:

- ✓ A new children's emergency department and intensive care unit
- ✓ Medical short stay unit
- ✓ Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- ✓ Neurosciences centre
- ✓ Virtual care centre and hospital command centre
- ✓ Inpatient units for medical, surgical, adolescent, sleep and oncology specialties
- ✓ A day oncology centre
- ✓ Wet and dry laboratories to support cancer research, education and training
- ✓ Paediatric pharmacy
- ✓ Improved parent amenities, including overnight bereavement rooms
- ✓ Education and training spaces.

Pictured: Artist impressions of the new Children's Hospital



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Refurbishments continue at the Royal Hospital for Women

Construction continues on level 0 of the Royal Hospital for Women to improve spaces for staff and patients, as well as make way for the public linkway corridor, that will eventually connect the hospital campus to the new ASB.

The new and updated Royal Hospital for Women Maternity Outpatients waiting area is set to open soon, providing a more modern space with increased natural light and a new terrace.

Once the new Maternity Outpatients waiting area and reception desk opens, construction will commence on a new consult room in place of the old Maternity Outpatients reception desk.



Main entry access to the Royal Hospital for Women to be temporarily changed

In order to deliver the new secure access point near the Royal Hospital for Women reception, temporary changes for all staff, patients and visitors accessing the hospital will be in place from the **1 July to 15 July**. During this time, all access to the Royal Hospital for Women will be via a temporary entrance, situated just to the left of the usual entrance, while the new secure entry is constructed.

Clear signage will be in place to guide people through the temporary corridor, which will lead people to the hospital foyer and lift lobby.

Access from outside will still be via the main Barker Street entrance.

Coming Up:

- ✓ The new Admissions area is nearing completion and will include a new reception desk, the new secure entry portal and staff areas
- ✓ The Executive Unit is nearing completion, including a new reception desk, office areas and dedicated secure entry.

Find out about the construction activity on the Randwick Campus Redevelopment in the monthly construction notice



The Randwick Campus Redevelopment team publishes a monthly construction notice summarising activities underway across the broader redevelopment.

Scan the QR code

or access the notices from the project website at
www.randwickcampusredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au/news-and-publications/construction-notice-1



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The Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct opens its doors to industry

On Tuesday, 7th June, the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct (RHIP) and Business Sydney hosted the Health Innovation Forum at UNSW.

The event was largely an awareness showcase, providing opportunities for networking and follow-on conversations, with the panel discussion entitled ***'Has NSW got what it takes to be a leader in health innovation?'*** The purpose of the session was to provoke discussion around where NSW and the nation is now when it comes to health innovation, and what levers need to be pulled in order to get to where we want to be.

Led by Brooke Griffin, RHIP Executive Director, and MC'd by the charismatic Paul Nicolaou, Business Sydney Executive Director, delegates were treated to an informative and insightful session, comprised with high-calibre speakers and panellists.

Expert speakers Peter Achterstraat AM (NSW Government Productivity Commissioner), Professor Attila Brungs (Vice Chancellor & President, UNSW), Dr Sherman Chan (Chief Economist, Business NSW), Dr Paula Bray (Acting Director of Research, Sydney Children's Hospital Network), Professor Vlado Perkovic (Dean, UNSW Medicine & Health), Adj A/Prof Phil Hayes-St Clair (CEO, DropBio Health) and Dr Stephen Palmer (Industry & Innovation Lead, RHIP), deconstructed a series of complex topics, helping to better understand what can be done to accelerate and further our health technology innovations at home and abroad.

In her opening address, Brooke Griffin discussed the need for these conversations and forums alike.

"The global pandemic has brought into sharp focus the need for effective mechanisms for rapid translation of high-quality medical research into medical products such as vaccines, diagnostic tools and therapeutics," said Brooke.

"The growth of the health innovation sector as a response to the pandemic is apparent for all to see, and we want NSW to be part of that growth, not left behind."

Panellists were adamant that the state has what it takes to lead in health tech innovation, but acknowledged that far more needs to be done to reach the levels of innovation and product commercialisation required to align with our global standing in research output rankings.

It is without doubt that partnerships between universities, health services, industry and government deliver better clinical outcomes to patients, while also supporting new jobs and economic opportunities, and the Precinct will continue to facilitate this in any way possible.



Pictured: Panellists at the Health Innovation Forum

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Faces of the Precinct: Five minutes with Ally Jeffers



Pictured: Ally Jeffers, Nurse Educator at the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct

Q: What is your role in the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct team?

My role is Nurse Educator for Interprofessional Education. My role provides the central support for the Randwick Model of Interprofessional Education, implementing the strategy and collaborating openly with all partners including South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, UNSW, and associated stakeholders.

Q: What attracted you to this type of work?

I'm really passionate about education in healthcare, and love that this role is all about healthcare students and healthcare professionals learning and working together to provide person-centred care to our community.

It's amazing to see true collaboration across universities, healthcare facilities, community groups and schools.

Q: What excites you most about the Precinct?

So many things! The combined strength of the Precinct has already brought about such positive change and will continue to do so.

What excites me the most is the creative, inclusive way the Precinct approaches education and healthcare.

Q: What do the next six months look like?

The next six months are all about developing the Interprofessional Education Strategy.

We will be launching some really exciting interprofessional educational pilot projects, so watch this space!

This monthly newsfeed provides updates on the Randwick Campus Redevelopment, featuring stories and highlights from the Randwick Hospitals Campus partners, as they bring together world-class education, research and healthcare through the creation of the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct.

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