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Official opening and staff celebrations mark major project milestone

On Thursday 15 June 2023, Minister for Health Ryan Park, Member for Coogee Dr Marjorie O'Neill and Secretary for NSW Health Susan Pearce visited Prince of Wales Hospital for the official opening of the Acute Services Building.

The event began with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country, led by local Aboriginal Elders, Aunty Lola Ryan and Leslie McLeod. After unveiling the plaque that will be permanently displayed in the front entrance foyer, Minister Park visited the new Community Assessment Unit and Community Management Centre to meet with staff and patients.

The event was attended by the Prince of Wales Hospital and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District Executive, as well as project partners and consumers who played a key role in the design and construction of the hospital building over the years.

The celebrations continued into the afternoon, with an all-staff afternoon tea hosted in the building's spacious mezzanine space.

"I express my gratitude to every person that has been involved in bringing our new hospital to life," said Jennie Barry, General Manager for Prince of Wales Hospital.

"The official opening of the Acute Services Building is an enormous milestone for Prince of Wales Hospital, following a seven-year redevelopment project.

"The new facility will support new and innovative approaches to acute healthcare and transform health, research and education at the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct for years to come," said Jennie.

Clockwise: Leslie McLeod leads the smoking ceremony, Minister Park meets a patient, and Executive staff cut the celebratory cake during the all-staff afternoon tea.

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ICU and Medical Imaging the final services to move into the new building

In early June, the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) successfully moved to level 3, while the new MRI and second new CT scanner went live on level B1 of the Acute Services Building (ASB).

The ICU move was approached with careful planning and extreme care to ensure patients were moved in the safest way possible.

The new ICU is larger and brighter, with 100% single rooms, state-of-the-art medical equipment, an outdoor patient balcony and a simulation room for teaching real life medical and nursing scenarios.

The new state-of-the-art 3T MRI, which is now live on level B1, will primarily be used for acute inpatient scans. The new machine has more advanced technology and will improve medical diagnostics at Randwick.

A second new CT scanner for all ASB inpatients became operational on Tuesday 13 June, marking the completion of the Medical Imaging Department's staged opening in the ASB. The two new CT scanners have improved resolution technologies, meaning they are able to obtain clearer, lower dose images even faster.



The ICU team celebrated their move in early June



Medical Imaging Department team members

ASB FUN FACTS...



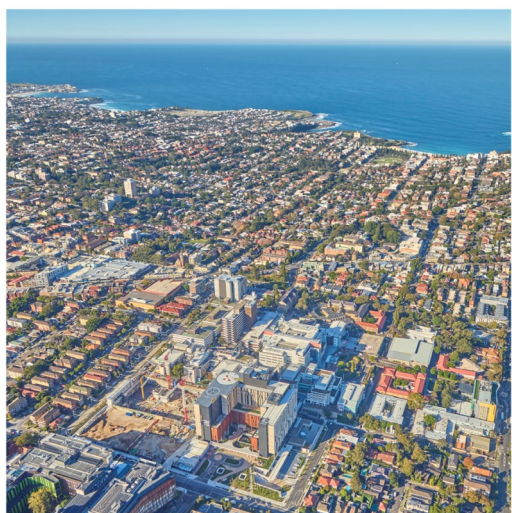
7 years in the making!

- ✓ Three years of design consultation
- ✓ More than three years of construction
- ✓ Many months of planning and commissioning

600
construction
workers at
the peak of
the project



More than
2.34
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Consumers farewell the redevelopment project after 5½ years

In early June, members of the Acute Services Building (ASB) Consumer & Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) met for the very last time in the expansive grand entrance to the ASB.

Sitting in the space that was merely a hole in the ground when the committee formed back in 2017, they fondly looked back on their time on the project over afternoon tea.

Committee member, Bob Wilson, who chaired the committee from inception until early 2020, reflected on his involvement in the project over the years.

“As a committee, we were listened to at all stages of the project, and we witnessed changed practices as a result of our input. There was a consistent willingness to accept the input of the consumers and welcome our views,” said Bob.

The consumer and community voice has been critical to the redevelopment project’s success in delivering community-focused public infrastructure and healthcare services.

From the CCAC’s inaugural meeting in late 2017 to their final meeting in June 2023, the CCAC members were advocates for their community and own health care experience. This allowed decision makers to hear and understand the consumer perspective and helped to ensure a clear and diverse consumer and community voice was integrated into the planning, design, construction and commissioning of the new facility.

The CCAC partnered with clinicians, architects, designers, engineers, consultants, artists and redevelopment project staff to design a patient-centred health facility that will deliver improved access to healthcare and evolving medical science within the hospital and out into the community for years to come.

“I must say a big “thank you” to all the members of the committee who, with their diverse backgrounds but with a common desire to contribute, have brought a community focus to the delivery of the ASB,” said Chair, John Patterson.

The CCAC has now formally disbanded, leaving the Prince of Wales Hospital Consumer Advisory Committee to continue providing consumer input to the hospital and its services.



Head to the Randwick Campus Redevelopment website to read the [Project Completion Report](#), summarising the ASB CCAC’s achievements throughout the life of the project.



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New clinical education spaces will connect students with hospital

From 2024, UNSW students will be able to learn in new flexibly designed spaces alongside the Prince of Wales Acute Services Building.

In the integrated eastern extension of the ASB, UNSW will house state-of-the-art research, clinical innovation, biomedical and teaching facilities across 10 floors and approximately 5,000 square metres. Dedicated clinical education spaces will span four floors of the extension.

The flexible environment will encourage students to interact with health professionals, medical researchers, clinical teachers and each other, maximising opportunities for learning and forming collaborations.

UNSW Medicine & Health Associate Professor Arvin Damodaran, Director of Teaching in the School of Clinical Medicine, helped design the spaces and believes they will enhance the student experience.

“As a part of the patient care team, students will work side by side with clinicians in a busy teaching hospital. They will see the real-world issues and experiences of patients at the bedside and be able to step across the hall into study space to reflect, reinforce and learn,” said Arvin.

The clinical education spaces will be located next to haematology, oncology, orthopaedics, acute aged care, aged care rehabilitation, surgery, respiratory and infectious diseases, neurosciences and acute stroke departments. By linking to a range of clinical departments, students will learn about different ways to deliver care.

“Our clinicians will have space to develop and evolve student centred teaching activities using case studies and simulation, as well as use the spaces to involve students in the education rich professional activities such as case presentations, ward round debriefs, multidisciplinary team meetings, and departmental research meetings.”

Flexible technology will enable students to participate in person or virtually, allowing educators to engage a wider cohort of students at different locations across NSW.

New spaces will cater to learning and teaching in varied groups sizes, including individual study, meetings, small group tutorials and larger group discussions. Clinical rooms that mirror true clinical environments will support learning basic bedside procedures and examination skills like taking a patient’s history, measuring blood pressure, eye and ear examinations.

Larger teaching spaces will mean students can participate in larger interdisciplinary discussions around complex health conditions, new treatments, cutting-edge research and models of care.

“The integrated extension will enhance our students’ experience of working and studying in a busy hospital environment, producing capable graduates who have a grounded understanding of their role in caring for patients and the skills to become health leaders,” said Arvin.

Learn more about the UNSW Eastern Extension [here](#).



Artist impression of a space on Level 7 of the facility, which will be known as The UNSW Mary-Louise McLaws AO Clinical Education Rooms.

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Prototype spaces showcased to staff at open day

The Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick redevelopment project recently invited staff and project partners into the newly completed prototype spaces, setting the scene for the future hospital and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

More than 100 attendees visited the spaces on the day, gaining a greater sense of the size, layout, functionality and finishes of future clinical areas.

Along with a sizzling BBQ, the open day showcased:

- a standard overnight bedroom
- an Emergency Department acute bed space
- Children's Intensive Care Unit bed space
- a standard medication room.

The redevelopment team was on hand to answer questions and guide staff through the spaces.

The Change and Transition Leads pointed out some innovative design features, including automated drug dispensing cabinet technology, the inclusion of a parent/carer space and window seat in patient bedrooms, and the addition of pendants in each CICU bedspace – providing clinical staff with the ability to orientate a child to be able to look out the window when well enough.

Cathy Lovell, Project Director of SCH1/MCCCC, shared her thoughts on the event.

"It was a huge success to see so many engaged frontline clinicians and operational team members at the prototypes. To see staff genuinely excited about our future hospital was a real privilege," said Cathy.

"The launch of the spaces also coincides with the redevelopment change and transition program. We want to encourage as many staff as possible to access the spaces to support their model of care development and undergo simulation training before the hospital building opens."

The prototype spaces will be available until hospital operational commissioning commences in 2025.

If you missed the open day, email SCHN-Redev@health.nsw.gov.au to book a spot.



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Young people help design arts elements at new kids' hospital

Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre (SCH1/MCCCC) project consultant City People is helping to ensure the new building will have unique arts, play and discovery components to engage and inspire visitors, with the valuable input of young people.

The concept incorporates physical, sensory, and emotional elements that impact how children and young people interact, learn and entertain themselves.

"If every step in this journey can be filtered through a playful lens, there is the opportunity to inject moments of curiosity, creativity and lifelong learning into an experience that can often be pretty stressful," said City People Director, Michael Cohen.

"This is not just for children and young people; it is for families and staff too. When imaginatively curate, comprehensively planned and implemented, these elements can have a lasting positive health impact on clinical processes and models of care," said Michael.

Extensive community and stakeholder engagement has taken place to facilitate the collaborative design of the hospital's art elements, including consultation with children and young people through special committee meetings, workshops and interviews.

A range of sessions were conducted with children, redevelopment team representatives, staff and Aboriginal community members, with hands-on art workshops held with current and former patients.

The sessions were documented by the young people, who acted as news reporters.

"My favourite part was working with the adults to make concepts and come up with ideas for the future hospital," said one of the participants, 12-year-old Isla Ren.

"I want it to be fun for the kids and young people. Some people are there for a long time, so I don't want it to be boring or scary. It should be somewhere that they can play," added Isla.

Several themes emerged from the workshops, highlighting that children are particularly interested in learning about biology, taking inspiration from nature and exploring digital platforms and social connections.



A curatorial plan has been developed from the consultation and workshops. The work will be used to finalise arts, play and discovery elements at the hospital and to select artists to carry out the work.

Check out our video to learn more about the workshops through the eyes of the 'Kids Reporters' who participated:
https://youtu.be/hhn_NsdwZw0



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UNSW's Health Translation Hub is coming...

Randwick Campus Redevelopment construction activities are set to increase in coming months, with UNSW gaining full access to the Health Translation Hub (HTH) site in June.

UNSW Sydney and Plenary Health will deliver the project – one of the major infrastructure developments within the broader Randwick Campus Redevelopment.

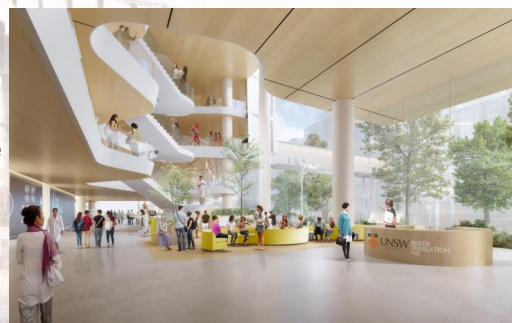
Building on more than 60 years of teaching hospital affiliations, the UNSW Health Translation Hub realises the university's long-term aspiration to work in closer partnership with the NSW Health institutions at the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct.

The UNSW HTH will bring together educational and medical researchers, clinicians, educators, students, industry partners and public health officials to drive excellence and support the rapid translation of innovative research and education into improved patient care and better community health outcomes.

An expansive 2,500 square metres of north-facing open public space will help to create an engaging and welcoming place for staff, students, patients, industry partners and the public.

The building will have direct connections to the Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre and to UNSW's Kensington Campus. It will be situated adjacent to the new Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building, enabling seamless integration with UNSW and the four hospitals at Randwick, and putting the precinct at the forefront of international health research and education.

The UNSW HTH is expected to be completed in the second half of 2025.



Learn more about the UNSW Health Translation Hub at www.randwickcampusredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au/htb

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Did you know there's an Australia Post service for the Randwick Health Campus at UNSW?

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Faces of the Precinct: Five minutes with Professor David Ziegler

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

A: Currently, I wear a few different hats. I am a paediatric oncologist at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, where I lead the neuro-oncology and clinical trials programs in the Kids Cancer Centre.

I am also Group Leader of the Brain Tumour Group at the Children's Cancer Institute, where my team focuses on the development of novel therapies for children with brain cancer.

In addition, I'm Director of the Kids Cancer Alliance, which brings together all paediatric oncology researchers around NSW with the aim of fostering collaboration and translational research.

Q: What attracted you to this type of work?

A: When I did my clinical training in paediatric oncology, the field was buzzing about the new wonder drug Gleevec with extraordinary results seen in adult chronic myeloid leukemia (CML).

Every textbook chapter I read ended with a comment about targeted therapies having the potential to change outcomes for children with cancer.

So, I headed off to Dana Farber in Boston to do research on targeted therapies for childhood cancer, and fell into the world of brain tumours, where there was the greatest need for new agents.

Q: What excites you most about the Precinct?

A: The Longwood Medical Area in Boston was like a big city – filled with hospitals, research institutes, and academic organisations all focussed on medical research – attracting the best minds in the world to go and work there.



I think we have a real opportunity to build a similar environment here, and we will know we have succeeded when we are attracting the best talent from the rest of the world, including the US and Europe.

Q: What's your favourite quote?

A: "It's not impossible, it just hasn't been done yet".

Because what seems impossible today becomes standard of care tomorrow.



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Important wins for the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct (RHIP)

RHIP's pioneering Living Infrastructure Strategy has claimed a 2023 NSW Landscape Architecture Award for Research, Policy and Communications at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects' (AILA) NSW Landscape Architecture Awards ceremony.

'Living infrastructure' refers to natural elements and features incorporated in human-built environments or to interconnected ecosystems found in urban areas.

Naturally occurring elements such as trees, shrubs, flowers, water, timber and stone are considered valuable assets for creating restorative settings that can improve human health and wellbeing due to their environmental and health benefits, as well as human desire for nature experiences (biophilia).

The [RHIP Living Infrastructure Strategy](#) provides an innovative approach to addressing health challenges and establishing the Precinct as a model of best practice in sustainability and innovation.



RHIP has also been granted \$100,000 by Create NSW to support the implementation of our new Artist-in-Residence Program.

The innovative Artist-in-Residence Program seeks to improve health outcomes for Australians by embedding artists-in-residence at the intersection of arts-in-health and culture, with a particular focus on wellbeing.

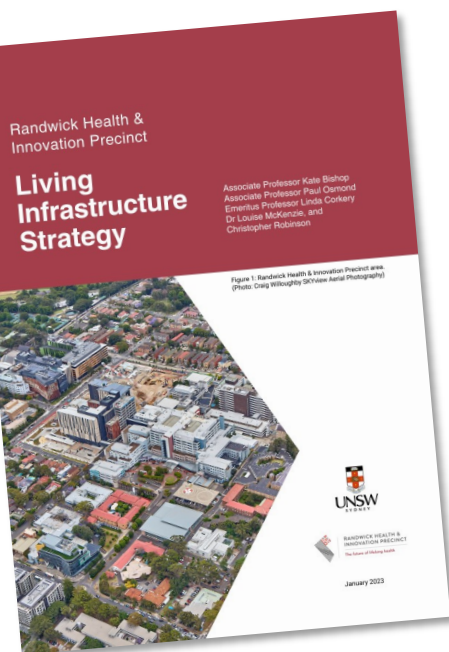
This investment now brings us to half-a-million in support for new arts and culture initiatives led by our Placemaking Curator and Producer, [Sophie Forbat](#), with many more initiatives on the way!

Be sure to follow RHIP on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) to keep up to date with what's happening across the Precinct!

By exploring ways that these living assets can be incorporated into designed spaces and features, this strategy aims to enhance the experience of daily life across the Precinct.

[View the strategy here.](#)

[Learn more about the award here.](#)



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