

Landscaping the Acute Services Building

The NSW Government is investing \$720 million to strengthen the Randwick Health and Education Precinct as a world-leading centre for health and wellbeing, research, education and teaching. A new Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building will be built in Stage 1 that will house an adult emergency department, extra beds, intensive care unit, and new operating theatres for the campus.

A healthy and green Randwick

The Acute Services Building and future stages of Randwick Campus Redevelopment provide an opportunity to significantly revitalise the area.

Our guiding principles for the redevelopment strive to contribute to an urban environment that is green and healthy, connected, integrated and responsive.

These principles are informing the design of public open spaces and landscaping in and around the new Acute Services Building to create a contemporary Hospitals' Campus.

Preparing the site for construction

Early work to prepare the site for construction involves:

- Demolition of buildings and structures on site
- Removal of trees, vegetation and organic material
- Removal of topsoil and fill from across the site.

Why do we need to clear vegetation from the site?

Full site remediation is required which involves the removal of topsoil and fill from across the site.

The site also contains a range of supporting underground infrastructure (such as sewerage and stormwater) that needs to be relocated and vegetation must be removed in order to undertake this work.

Image: Banksia serrata



Trees and landscaping

The NSW Government is working on a tree-replacement strategy for the Randwick Campus Redevelopment. The project has committed approximately 200 trees to be considered for planting both within the Precinct and across the Randwick local government area in the coming years. Consultation with Randwick City Council is being undertaken on their possible location.

Approximately 30 semi-mature trees will be planted along the Botany Street and High Street edge of the site following construction of the underground sewer and stormwater by mid-to-late 2019. Tree species proposed to be planted include:

- Backhousia citriodora
- Banksia serrata (pictured below)
- Eucalyptus haemastoma
- Elaeocarpus eumundii

This is part of our long-term commitment to delivering an urban environment that is green and healthy across the whole Precinct, including with future stages.



Indicative landscape concept plan

The project's landscape specialists architects and health planners are working together to ensure the landscaping concept for the new Acute Services Building delivers:

- Engaging open spaces and planted outlooks for patients, visitors and staff
- Internal courtyards with soft green ferns and dense foliage
- Appealing green and landscaped edges to Botany Street and Magill Street with trees for shade and native heath under-storey planting
- Welcoming and easy to understand building entrances, intuitive paths and legible wayfinding
- Softly landscaped public drop-off and terrace area with including seating, paving and landscaped areas featuring indigenous species, bright flowered and bird attracting shrubs and small trees
- Temporary revegetation of the area to the north of the Acute Services Building ahead of any future works.

