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Pictured left to right: Paul Oppenheim, Prof. Attila Brungs, Minister Park and Emma Skulander

UNSW Health Translation Hub reaches new heights

Early November saw the celebration of yet another major milestone on the Randwick Campus Redevelopment site.

The NSW Minister for Health, Ryan Park, joined UNSW Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Attila Brungs, along with Plenary Chair, Paul Oppenheim, and Health Infrastructure Acting

Chief Executive, Emma Skulander atop the new tallest building in Randwick for a traditional ‘topping out’ ceremony. The event was attended by representatives of key project partners in recognition of the building reaching full construction height.

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Marquee project celebrates major construction milestone

The \$600 million [UNSW Health Translation Hub \(HTH\)](#) is a key Randwick Campus Redevelopment infrastructure project within the [Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct](#), and will offer students the opportunity to work side-by-side with researchers on real-life cases.

The 35,000 square metre facility is being developed by Plenary in partnership with UNSW Sydney, bringing together researchers, clinicians, educators, industry partners and public health officials to drive excellence and support the rapid translation of innovative research and education into enhanced patient care and better community health outcomes.

Acknowledging the structure reaching full height earlier this month, NSW Health Minister, Ryan Park, said the development was an important addition to the hospitals campus, building on more than 60 years of teaching hospital affiliations.

“Delivered in collaboration with the NSW Government, the UNSW Health Translation Hub builds on the major Randwick campus health care investments from the NSW Government, including \$869.8 million which has already resulted in the development of the Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building, along with the \$658 million project currently under construction at Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick.”

UNSW Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Attila Brungs, said the UNSW Health Translation Hub would deepen collaboration and bring together UNSW’s brightest academic minds and students from all disciplines and faculties with leading industry to help solve significant health problems.

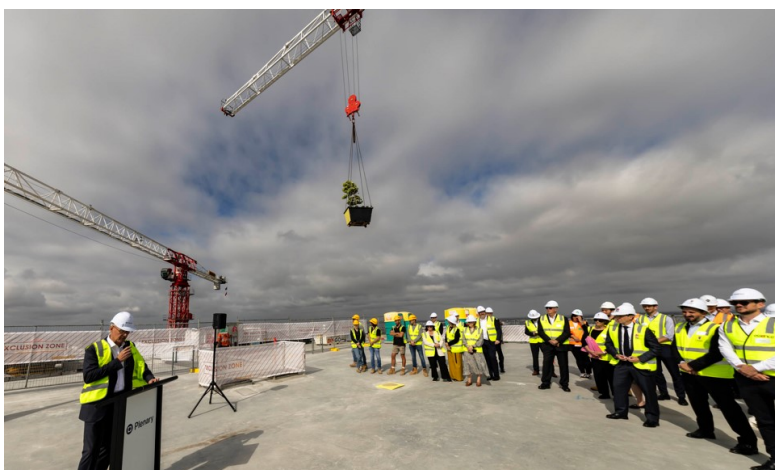
“The HTH will transform basic science and discoveries into therapies, treatments and cures, delivered directly to patients. Through our collaboration with government, industry and leading academia, we will take new approaches to society’s health challenges and deliver new models of care to improve lives.”

The project is fully funded by Plenary and industry superannuation fund-backed property investor ISPT, together with health and education sector superannuation funds HESTA and UniSuper.

UNSW has an initial 20-year commitment to occupy two-thirds of the facility focusing on teaching, research and community engagement. UNSW subtenants will include Minderoo Children’s Comprehensive Cancer Centre (MCCCC) and The George Institute for Global Health.

UNSW research within the HTH will focus on personalised medicine, advanced therapeutics, health system and equity, dementia, ageing well, mental health and cancer. The space will enable a unique interdisciplinary student experience and direct collaboration with industry, clinical communities and the public.

With façade installation and internal fit-out now well underway, the HTH is due to be completed in late 2025.





PoWH services celebrate their new homes

It's been a busy time for Prince of Wales Hospital (PoWH) staff, with further service moves into the Acute Services Building (ASB) and the opening of the Emergency Department Assessment Unit (EDAU) within the Adult Emergency Department, all within a week!

Late October saw the final inpatient unit relocations into the ASB, with Specialty Surgery and General Surgery wards moving from their former home in the Dickinson Building to Level 6 of the ASB.

The new inpatient unit spaces provide a modern and inviting environment for surgical patients, complemented by striking wall art designs by commissioned artist Richard Briggs.

Richard's work also adorns public spaces on Levels 0 and B1, and tells the story of local places and communities through line and graphic patterns.

The new artworks on Level 6 celebrate the native flora of the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub plant community and the ancient geology of the Hawkesbury sandstone forms – check them out next time you're in the area!

Early November also saw the opening of the Prince of Wales Hospital EDAU within the existing Adult ED space.

The EDAU was designed in consultation with staff from across the hospital's ED, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol teams, with their valuable input helping to enhance the facilities and associated model of care, with the safety of workers a priority.

Above: Staff celebrate the opening of the surgical inpatient units on Level 6 of the ASB (left) and one of Richard Briggs' artworks adorning the new space (right).

Below: Emergency Department staff officially open the new EDAU space with a ribbon cutting.



Future link bridge to be a prominent feature on campus

Complementing the delivery of key infrastructure projects to enhance healthcare and research, the Randwick Campus Redevelopment project will also provide a connected campus through a series of clinical and public link bridges between the new buildings, through to existing buildings, and across Botany Street to the UNSW Kensington campus.

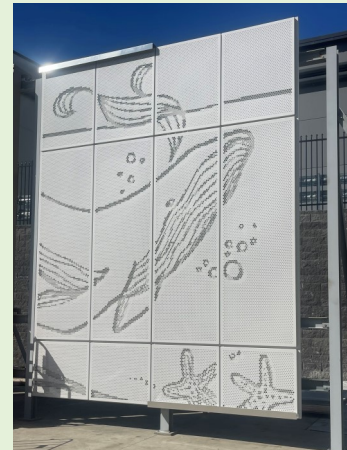
The largest of these bridges will stretch 60 metres between the Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building (ASB) and the new children's hospital and research centre under construction to its north.

This clinical link bridge will connect Level 1 of the Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre (SCH1/MCCCC) building with the ASB, forming a physical link between the future Children's Intensive Care Unit and the operating theatres currently under construction in the adult hospital.



Manufactured off-site in sections before being transported and installed on-site, the bridge structure is now complete, in readiness for installation of exterior façade paneling and internal fit-out in the new year.

Both the eastern and western façades of the link bridge will be adorned with perforated aluminium panels depicting a unique design inspired by local flora, fauna and Dreamtime stories, including Buriburi. The design was developed with the input of young hospital patients and Aunty Lola Ryan.



The bridge will feature prominently in the future public space between the two buildings, which will be home to the campus-first pet park and the new outdoor play space, which also takes inspiration from the Buriburi story.

Left: The first section of bridge being lifted into place at Level 1 of the ASB.

Above: A prototype panel of the future aluminium façade, featuring the Buriburi section of the artwork.

Below: The western elevation of the SCH1/MCCCC to ASB link bridge structure in its current state.





UNSW students given real-life design opportunity through collaboration project

Facilitated by the Randwick Health and Innovation Precinct (RHIP) Creative Placemaking program, a valuable collaboration has been delivered between UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture and Prince of Wales Hospital (PoWH).

Almost 100 second-year Interior Architecture students and staff from UNSW recently participated in a special Code Lavender protocol simulation hosted by PoWH staff, helping to shape development of design proposals for a dedicated staff wellness space in the hospital.

The ‘Lavender Room’ project was part of an undergraduate studio course devised and coordinated by Dr Cathy Smith from UNSW’s School of Built Environment, in consultation with RHIP’s Sophie Forbat and PoWH Code Lavender team members.

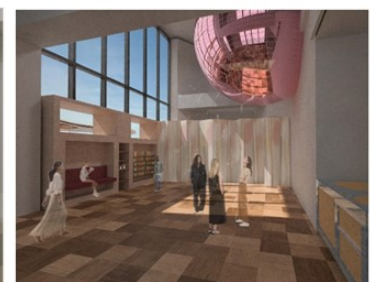
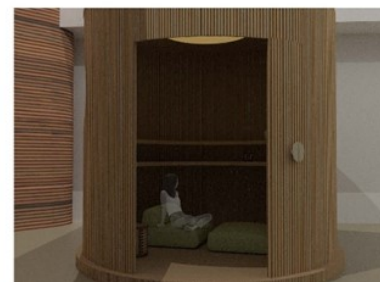
With minimal built examples or research on Code Lavender initiatives or purpose-designed staff respite rooms, the innovative 10-week course saw students draw from existing research, the simulation activity and consultation with hospital staff to produce design-led ideas. These ideas can now be used to foster future conversations among RHIP stakeholders about suitable spaces, project briefs and potentially the development and construction of a prototype Lavender Room.

Student proposals ranged from bespoke designs for Code Lavender ‘pods’ and spaces for laughing workshops, through to interiors integrating art therapies and spatial connections to outdoor native gardens.

As well as providing an invaluable learning opportunity through a real design project based on engagement with users, the Code Lavender simulation also introduced the UNSW students and staff to techniques that promote wellbeing, which they can now incorporate into future work, study and personal situations.

Above: Some of the PoWH staff and UNSW students and staff who participated in the studio course initiative.

Below/right: A selection of ‘Lavender Room’ hospital staff respite space design concepts produced by the participating students.



Learn more about RHIP’s partners, purpose and impact at rhip.org.au, and if you haven’t already, follow RHIP on [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#) to keep up to date with what’s happening across the Precinct.

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Out and about with the redevelopment project teams and stakeholders

There's always something happening across our projects – from presentations and activations to site visits. Check out what some of the team has been up to...



University staff and students recently celebrated their first quarter in the new UNSW Integrated Acute Services Building (IASB), coming together for a morning tea and sharing stories and photos of the project. The IASB is now buzzing with students, health researchers and educators. The laboratories are currently undergoing certification, with the clinical research and innovation facility expected to open in the new year.

For questions about the IASB, or to book a room in the space, email unsw.iasb@unsw.edu.au



In late October, the Tyree Institute of Health Engineering (Tyree IHealthE) officially opened its new offices and lab spaces in the UNSW IASB with the unveiling of a donor plaque in honour of Sir William Tyree.

Tyree IHealthE hosted members of the Foundation's Board and other guests, offering an interactive tour of the labs and facilities. The event highlighted the impact of their support in strengthening the connection between the hospital and university, advancing the mission of healthcare innovation.

Last month saw TAFE NSW take the opportunity to implement a key element of its Women in Construction Social Impact Strategy by enabling a group of female learners to tour the Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre (SCH1/MCCCC) project site.

Supported by Health Infrastructure and facilitated by Kasey Freckleton from John Holland, the group was guided through the site and encouraged to ask questions about the construction activities and project in general. Feedback from the visit was positive, with plans to return next year to check out progress on site.



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