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PoWH surgery wards heading to ASB following extensive planning

The final inpatient units are on the move into the Acute Services Building (ASB) in late October.

Following a number of years of design consultation and construction, and extensive planning and commissioning in preparation, Prince of Wales Hospital is excited to be relocating the final inpatient units into the ASB!

Service	Move date	Location
Specialty Surgery (D2N)	Tue 29 Oct	ASB Level 6 North
General Surgery (D2S)	Thu 31 Oct	ASB Level 6 South

Both 6 North and 6 South boast 16 single rooms with ensuites, six double rooms with an ensuite, and one four-bedded room with two ensuites.

The large number of single rooms will provide enhanced privacy for patients, as well as the ability to flexibly manage those requiring isolation.

The clinical teams are well prepared for the upcoming moves, having fine-tuned their new models of care and integrated new equipment and technology into their ways of working.

The hospital team looks forward to welcoming its surgery patients into the enhanced, light-filled spaces of the ASB.

Learn more about RCR

Check out our [interactive map](#) for the latest information on construction activities across campus, or to learn more about each of the projects being delivered as part of the Randwick Campus Redevelopment (RCR).



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The UNSW HTH: accelerating discoveries and enhancing patient care



The UNSW Health Translation Hub (HTH) will bring together educational and medical 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.

It will be a place for ideas, connectivity and innovative approaches for translating research and enhancing the student experience.

Redefining the future of health, those working within the HTH will enhance patient care by translating science from the research bench to the bedside, accelerating health discoveries and services for communities.

The HTH will also connect with the community through a dedicated art, exhibition and events space on the ground floor.

On the lower floors, UNSW will run research and teaching clinics across disciplines like mental health, optometry and allied health.

State-of-the-art teaching facilities and clinical simulation rooms will create a hands-on learning environment for students, with plans for a teaching gym, mock pharmacy and blood collection facility.

Across the upper floors, flexible workspaces will enable different teams to work on key issues like curing cancer, improving the health system using data, ensuring equitable treatment, enhancing genomics and genetics, and improving health across the lifespan.

Keen to learn more?

[Watch the short video](#) highlighting the HTH vision, and be sure to check out the [latest project fact sheet](#).



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New IASB laboratory will support high-level research

Level 8 of the UNSW's Integrated Acute Services Building (IASB) now boasts a new laboratory (pictured).

The laboratory will now undergo a certification process before being opened for research use in 2025.

With construction recently completed and commissioning underway, this new facility will support translational research from basic and pre-clinical studies through to patient care.

The new lab will expand UNSW's research capabilities through a flexible, purpose-built space, maintained and operated to a high containment standard.

It's a specialised facility designed for the safe handling and study of pathogenic microorganisms, and it will adhere to strict biosafety protocols.

The facility will be overseen by Dr Lyn Moir, IASB Senior Operations Manager, together with Susan Wan, Senior Laboratory Manager.

High containment laboratories are essential for research on infectious diseases allowing scientists to safely develop treatments, vaccines, and diagnostic tools.



Learn more about the IASB, including how to access spaces and book meeting rooms, [here](#).

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New strategy sets vision for Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre

The Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre (MCCCC) brings together the Kids Cancer Centre, Children's Cancer Institute and University of New South Wales in a formal partnership, and the inaugural MCCCC Strategy for 2024-2026 represents a shared commitment to improving paediatric cancer care in Australia.

By fostering collaboration, accelerating research, and delivering integrated, patient-centred care, MCCCC aims to provide transformative benefits for children with cancer and their families, striving to end the burden of childhood cancer nationally.

Key highlights of the MCCCC Strategy:

- Our Shared Vision: Working together to end the burden of children's cancer**
 - MCCCC builds on a strong history of collaboration to translate research into clinical trials and medical care.
 - Our shared vision strengthens our purpose, and as we look to the future, reminds us that together we can deliver far greater benefits than we possibly could alone.
- Comprehensive Care and Research Hub**
 - MCCCC will accommodate up to 900 professionals, including clinicians, scientists, and allied health workers.
 - It will feature advanced laboratory spaces, educational and training facilities, new inpatient units, and a state-of-the-art outpatient treatment centre designed to accommodate a wide range of therapies.
- Transformational Collaboration**
 - The centre builds on nearly 40 years of collaboration between Children's Cancer Institute and the Kids Cancer Centre, leveraging our combined expertise to enhance research and clinical care.
 - This partnership is expected to accelerate the translation of laboratory discoveries into



clinical practice, improving the journey from diagnosis through treatment to survivorship.

4. Strategic Objectives

- Accelerate Research:** Implementing a translational research model to expedite the journey from discovery to clinical implementation, ensuring rapid application of new findings.
- Integrated Care:** Developing a seamless treatment approach that focuses on the best outcomes for children and their families, emphasising patient-centred innovation.
- Magnify Impact:** Extending the centre's influence through external partnerships, collaborative opportunities, and by fostering a culture of excellence in research and care.

This significant investment in paediatric healthcare and MCCCC has been made possible through funding commitments from the NSW Government, Federal Government and in-kind contributions from UNSW.

Children's Cancer Institute, Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation and Minderoo Foundation have also made philanthropic contributions.

[View the inaugural MCCCC Strategy here.](#)

INVITATION: Tow Research Awards 2024 – Friday 22 November

Join us for a day of celebration and recognition at the prestigious Tow Research Awards, a key event of Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct's annual [Research@Randwick](#) initiative.

Event highlights include:

- **Award presentations**
Hear from our finalists, sharing their research excellence across various research divisions, including Clinical, Allied Health, Nursing, Midwifery, Basic Science and more.
- **Poster sessions**
Explore innovative research projects and engage with the researchers behind them.
- **Networking opportunities**
Connect with leading professionals, researchers and clinicians.
- **Keynote speakers**
Gain insights from renowned experts in medical research.

Why attend?

- ✓ Celebrate the achievements of emerging researchers.
- ✓ Discover cutting-edge research and its impact on healthcare.
- ✓ Expand your professional network within the medical research community.

Date: Friday 22 November 2024
Time: 8:30am to 5pm
Location: Lecture Theatre, Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick

[REGISTER HERE](#)
to attend in person or online.

Program:

9am	Basic Science Division
10:15am	Morning tea & Poster viewing
10:45am	Clinical Division
11:45am	Keynote address
Midday	Lunch, Poster viewing and Poster judging
1pm	Independent Learning Project (ILP) & Honours Division
2:30pm	Allied Health, Nursing, & Midwifery Division
3:30pm	Afternoon tea
3:45pm	Case presentations
4:45pm	Awards ceremony

Further information, including the order of speakers, will soon be available on the Tow Research Awards [website](#).

Early-mid career researchers and clinicians – be sure to look out for an *Expression of Interest* invitation to be judges on the day!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Tow Research Awards initiative, now in its fifth decade, was started by [Dr Wally Tow](#) in 1972 to honour outstanding junior investigators and clinicians making significant contributions to medical research across the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct.



Learn more about RHIP's partners, purpose and impact at rhip.org.au, and if you haven't already, follow RHIP on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), 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 recently...



Members of the UNSW Health Translation Hub (HTH) project team visited Level 15 of the HTH earlier this month to check out progress and catch a view from the top on a picture perfect spring day in Sydney.

Pictured left to right, UNSW staff Christian Allen, Emma Francis, Ruth Evatt and Aaron Costello are looking forward to celebrating another major project milestone soon, with the building set to reach full height in coming weeks.



An ongoing partnership with the Hospital School at Sydney Children's Hospital (SCH), Randwick saw Redevelopment team members from SCH, John Holland and Scyne host classes for primary and high school students this month. The students participated in a craft workshop to design their own hospital façade, and were treated to a sneak peek of updated environmental wall graphics that will feature in the new building, which were developed with student input into the designs.



PoWH Operating Theatres team members recently joined representatives from the Change and Commissioning team, project builders John Holland and project managers RP Infrastructure to review the design of scrub sinks for the future Acute Services Operating Suite on Level 1 of the Acute Services Building (ASB). The scrub sink prototype design was developed specifically for the ASB project, with the valuable input of clinical experts. Following endorsement by the team, the sinks will be installed in new theatres under construction.

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Members of the Sydney Children's Hospital Redevelopment team welcomed their new Super Users to the project with a BBQ lunch and construction site tour in mid-October.

The Super Users will be key to rolling out the hospital's commissioning plan and ensuring a smooth transition into the new building in late 2025...



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