

Construction update – early works in full swing

While main works won't be underway until 2021, there's been lots happening on site since commencement of early works in February this year. From water, electricity and sewer upgrades, to relocations of a range of hospital services to help prepare the site for the main build, it's hard not to notice that big things are coming!

Progress on construction of the temporary Education Centre on eastern campus (pictured above) has been significant during the last few months. Representatives from UNSW and Western Sydney University recently joined other key users of the existing education facility for a site visit to check out how their new spaces are coming along.

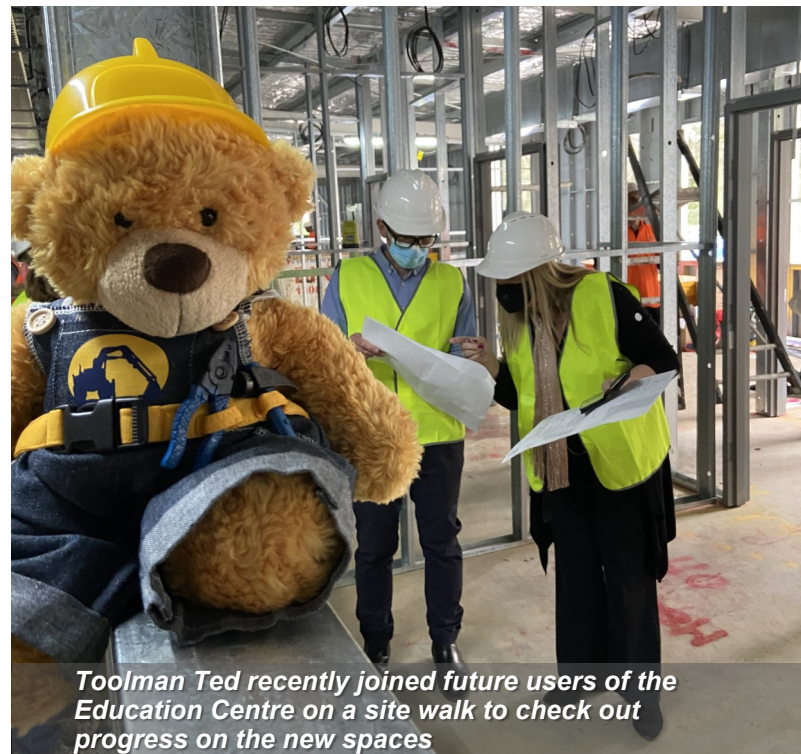
The new building is set to be operational from January and will serve as a training and research centre for students and staff for the duration of redevelopment construction on the main campus.

If you've visited the hospital lately, you may have noticed hoarding in our main entry foyer, opposite reception. A new hospital switchboard room is being created within this construction zone, with the team looking forward to delivery of a fresh new space with enhanced capability, including a new paging system to support timely communication with and between clinical staff across campus.

Other works underway include the creation of a new retail space adjacent to Entrance J, which will offer an additional dining option on campus, along with the connection of the P1 and P3 basement car parks to support easier access to parking.

Our early works contractors are also progressing the transformation of sections of the hospital's basement car park to create a new mortuary and hospital kitchen, and we look forward to sharing more on those projects in future newsletters.

Meanwhile, construction of a new road connection between Burnside Drive and Elizabeth Street continues – be sure to check out page 3 for information on upcoming impacts as a result of these works.



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Library Manager Gia Vigh (right) signs-off on the final designs for the new library to be delivered in 2026

Final designs approved

A critical part of the hospital redevelopment is the input of staff and other stakeholders in the planning of new spaces, and a key milestone for each of our Project User Groups (PUGs) is the final sign-off of detailed designs that will inform the build.

Our library team was the first of dozens of PUGs to reach this important stage in the planning process, and Library Manager Gia Vigh expressed excitement for the technology enhancements and improved library access that will be delivered as a result of the hospital redevelopment.

“Our new library design was developed through extensive consultation with staff, museum volunteers, universities and affiliated students, resulting in a truly inclusive new space” Gia said.

“Although it may seem a long way off, the team is looking forward to the final move to our new, modern library in 2026. As well as modern technology to support research and learning, the new space will offer study hubs, public computers and cubicles for individual training and research, along with group study areas and meeting rooms.”

The hospital's library service supports staff, academics and students based at Liverpool Hospital, Eastern Campus and across South Western Sydney Local Health District.

While construction is underway, the Ken Merten Library will temporarily move to the Don Everett building from January 2021.

New equipment arrives early

The hospital's Diagnostic Radiology team recently welcomed the addition of two new mobile x-ray machines, greatly supporting the recent increase in presentations as a result of the pandemic.

The machines were part of a larger order, set to be delivered on completion of the redevelopment project, but were brought forward in response to current need.

With digital functionality and the ability to move the machines easily between patients and departments, Chief Radiographer Shakun Kishore said the provision of this state-of-the-art equipment has greatly enhanced her team's ability to perform mobile x-rays in the Emergency Department (ED), Trauma, and inpatient wards.

“Mobile x-ray machines are used for very sick patients who are not able to make the journey to Radiology for their chest x-rays or other body part imaging, or who need to be under observation in ED. They're also used for infectious patients who are isolated in separate areas,” Shakun said.

“Having the ability to station the mobile machines in key areas enables quick response to clinical need, reducing both patient wait times and diagnosis turnaround. We're really grateful to the redevelopment project team for acknowledging the value in bringing supply of this important equipment forward,” Shakun added.

Some of our radiographers testing out the new equipment on Scrubs the Pug – no breaks found!



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Roadworks – current Entrance G detour and future works

During November, works will be underway to construct a new hospital road connecting Burnside Drive and Elizabeth Street.

Until Thursday 19 November, the eastern end of Elizabeth Street will be closed, impacting both pedestrian and vehicle access to Entrance E, F and G, specifically Renal Isolation Dialysis and Transit Lounge. A vehicle detour is in place (refer map below), with access to the Entrance G car park via Burnside Drive only. The temporary route through the construction zone will be managed with traffic control.

External pedestrian access from Entrance J to Entrance G and F will be maintained, with pedestrian access to Entrance E via the existing access ramp on Elizabeth Street.

Future works on the road connection will see the closure of Burnside Drive and the eastern campus access bridge for a period of five days from 24 to 28 November, with significant diversions in place.

Access to P3, Brain Injury and Mental Health during this time will be via the hospital road adjacent to the P2 car park entrance off Forbes/Campbell Street.

Access to eastern campus will be via the Scrivener Street entrance only, requiring travel via Epsom Road or the Hume Highway.

These works may result in significant delays – please be sure to plan your trip.

For the latest information on works that are likely to impact your visit, be sure to visit our 'Precinct Updates' page at www.lhap.health.nsw.gov.au



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