










Project update

The NSW Government has committed \$940 million to the redevelopment of the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital to deliver a new hospital building and refurbishment of existing spaces.

Main works construction commences

						
Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units	State-of-the-art operating theatres	Expanded and improved adult inpatient ward accommodation	Increased interventional and imaging services	Expanded neonatology services	Improved roads, signage and landscaping throughout the hospital campus	A new open garden courtyard

Construction activity has increased significantly across the campus for the new 15-storey hospital building following the appointment of CPB Contractors to deliver the main works for the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital Redevelopment.

Site preparation works along Johns Hopkins Drive and Lambie Dew Drive are progressing well. Set against the backdrop of the bustling urban environment, the new hospital building will be complemented by the expansion of the existing hospital structure and major refurbishments to existing spaces.

The new hospital will boast a comprehensive range of services and specialties, and has been designed to optimise efficiency and accessibility, ensuring seamless transitions and holistic care for all who access services at RPA Hospital.

As construction progresses and the vision takes shape, we look forward to showcasing the impressive redevelopment that will leave a legacy of healing and innovation. Stay tuned for further updates as this impressive redevelopment takes shape.

Name the crane

Two tower cranes are coming to campus soon to assist in the construction of the 15-storey hospital building. Sky high for the duration of the redevelopment, we will be calling on the Camperdown community help us grace the cranes with names. Make sure you subscribe to our project updates and keep an eye out for more information on how to enter the competition.



Navigate it safely

As our community eagerly anticipates the transformation of our local healthcare landscape with the redevelopment of RPA Hospital, we want to ensure safe and seamless access to care for all during the construction phase.

The RPA Hospital Redevelopment team has implemented comprehensive measures to facilitate the smooth navigation of the construction site, ensuring minimal disruption to patients, visitors, and staff.

We will continue to regularly communicate construction impacts and people are advised to follow all signage and traffic management to ensure the safety of all. By prioritising safety and communication, we are confident that we can navigate this period of construction with minimal disruption and inconvenience.

Future northern entrance

Works have started on the future northern entrance located on Johns Hopkins Drive. The new entrance will have a reimagined cultural garden, places to sit and unwind, and will include a patient drop-off zone. To enable works to commence, the maternity reception desk was relocated on Tuesday 23 April 2024 to the Southern entrance on Level 3. The new temporary reception area will provide a space for staff to assist patients and visitors with their appointments.

Best access for Delivery Unit, Birth Centre and Neonatal is now via the main hospital entrance on Missenden Road. In the event of an urgent maternity drop-off, a small drop-off area has been maintained on Gloucester House Drive near the southern entry.

Road widening works are also taking place on Johns Hopkins Drive to enhance pedestrian safety and vehicle movements. People are advised to follow the direction of traffic controllers and signage when navigating this space.

RPA volunteers showing the way



In the early 1970s, May Palanisamy, living in Malaysia and wanting to practise her written English, and Paul Davio, of Italian background living in Australia, became pen pals. In 1977, they were married and went on to have two sons together, with their younger son born at King George V in the early 80s. Since then, three of their

grandchildren have also been born at RPA, where May and Paul have been volunteering for over 20 years.

Our volunteers help us communicate to impacted stakeholders about the changes brought about by the redevelopment. The service they provide to patients, families and visitors is critical to the smooth running of the hospital, and an incredibly generous contribution to our community.

We will continue to work with the Volunteer team and keep them informed ahead of any changes so they can confidently assist our patients and visitors in navigating the hospital.



Click on the image or scan the QR code to hear more from May and David on volunteering at RPA.

Optimising design and construction

The design and construction of the future hospital buildings have been optimised to minimise the impact to the live hospital environment. Refurbishment works have commenced in on Level 2 to provide new staff offices and bathrooms. Works will also include the installation of structural reinforcement for the vertical expansion of the building. To optimise the design and construction process, our contractors are using innovative methods to complete the vertical expansion, which will help limit disruptions

to the live hospital environment. The use of structural steel rather than concrete casting will minimise the work area while also decreasing the labour and time required for installation.

The expansion will connect with the future 15-storey building on Lambie Dew Drive. We look forward to showcasing more innovative solutions as the project progresses.



Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology official opening

Health Minister Ryan Park joined the RPA Hospital Redevelopment team to officially open the new Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology building.

The state-of-the-art refurbishment was one of the first elements of the redevelopment to be completed and includes new laboratory spaces, enhancements to major medical equipment and a new reticulated chemical system that reduces manual handling of chemical solutions.

Staff who have moved into the new building say the bright new space better meets their working needs. The move of the Cytology team into the building has also enabled a more cohesive and efficient operation.

Find out more about the celebration in our [TP&DO Fact Sheet](#).

Plaque uncovered in unexpected find

During recent construction on Lambie Dew Drive, workers uncovered a memorial plaque buried in the gardens of Gloucester House. Heritage consultants and hospital representatives were engaged to provide further insight into the plaque's origins.

The plaque was dedicated to Dolores Nanette Stephens, a patient at RPA Hospital in 1996. Dolores was a fan favourite on the RPA TV show that year when Dr Chris O'Brien performed an operation to remove her cancerous voice box.

When Dolores passed away, her husband asked that her ashes be buried in the hospital grounds. It was an extraordinary request, but the hospital authorities at the

time generously agreed to it. The small memorial plaque was placed to recognise Dolores' life and showcase the important role RPA Hospital and staff had on the management of her illness.

The uncovering of the plaque is a beautiful reminder of the lives impacted by the care provided at hospitals and the people who devote their lives to helping others. The plaque is now in safe keeping until a new location for its placement is identified. This discovery highlights significance of the project and the importance of RPA Hospital in the lives of all patients, staff and visitors.

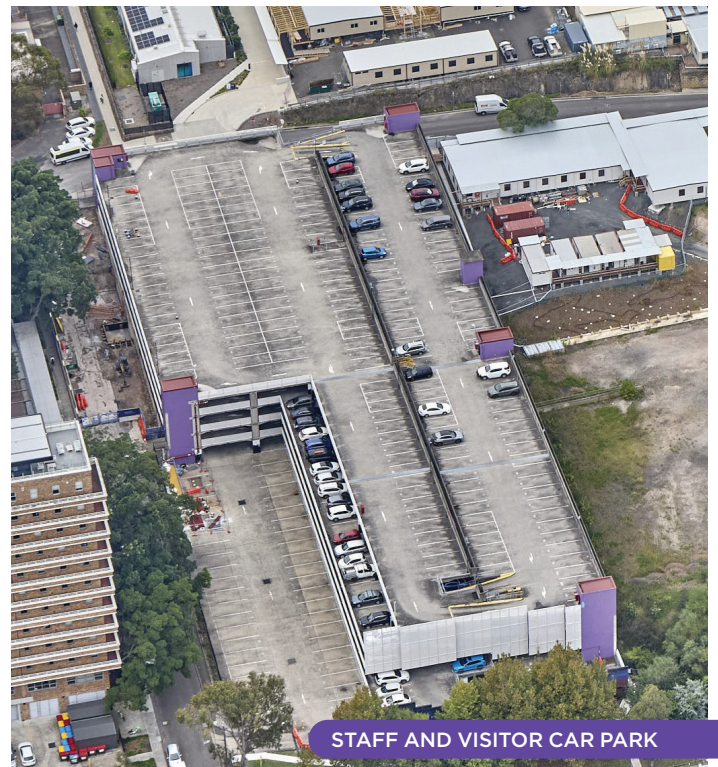
Temporary helicopter landing site

Works are progressing on the temporary helicopter landing site, which will operate from Level 5 of the staff and visitor car park located off Hospital Street.

These works will require a complete road closure on Church Street from Carillon Avenue through to Grose Street for approximately four weeks, and are expected to start on Thursday 20 June.

To ensure people's safety during construction, there will continue to be reduced parking in the staff and visitor car park. Works are planned to maximise car spaces, however people are advised to use alternative travel and parking arrangements where possible.

Find out more about the temporary helicopter landing site and upcoming works in the [works notices on the project website](#).



STAFF AND VISITOR CAR PARK

Hard works knows no gender

In an industry traditionally dominated by men, women are increasingly making their mark and breaking down barriers in construction. From architects to engineers, their contributions are reshaping the industry towards a more gender-balanced future.

Allie Korompay is a young Undergraduate Engineer with CPB Contractors working on the RPA Hospital Redevelopment project. Studying a Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Allie has always been driven to understand the mechanics behind how and why things work. Allie's impact extends far beyond her technical expertise. In the male-dominated industry, she is an inspiration for aspiring female engineers. Showing leadership and determination, she is also debunking stereotypes and paving the way for greater gender diversity in construction.

The RPA Hospital Redevelopment project team will continue to support and seek opportunities for people to pursue their passions, regardless of gender, and we look forward to showcasing more of our talented team as the project progresses.

Meet the team

We are so lucky to have such passionate people working on the project. From directors, project officers, builders and clinicians, we want you to meet the people making and shaping the RPA redevelopment.

Check out the '[Meet the team](#)' page on the project website as we continue to bring you the faces of the redevelopment.

Allie Korompay Undergraduate Engineer

What are your responsibilities as a civil engineer?

As a civil engineer it is most important that we operate with integrity to ensure an efficient and safe construction for the delivery of a project. Our responsibilities include project planning and management, risk assessment and management, quality control and assurance and client communication.

What made you want to pursue a career in construction and engineering?

I love problem solving and have always been driven to understand the mechanics behind how and why something works. I love the industry and love the work. I have the opportunity to work on big projects which are important to so many people and have significant community impacts.

What unique challenges have you encountered as a female civil engineer in a traditionally male-dominated field?

The biggest challenge I have faced is the lack of female mentors within the industry. I would welcome the opportunity to sit down and have a conversation about their experience, and the adversity they faced along the way given construction being such a male dominated industry.

What advice do you have for other women aspiring to pursue a career in civil engineering or entering the field of construction?

The biggest thing I would recommend is to trust yourself. If you have the trust in what you have done and what you know, everyone else around you will see that and believe the



same. If you don't believe you are competent and capable, you give no reason for anyone else to believe you are. This doesn't mean not asking questions - I highly encourage you ask any question you can think of because people are more than happy to share their learning and experiences. If you realise the worst thing that could happen is being wrong, it doesn't seem as daunting.

What are three words your family would use to describe you?

Diligent, Ambitious, Resilient.

What's your favourite song to get you pumped for work?

Hoax by Angerfist and Furyan.

Last great TV show or movie you watched?

I loved the latest Bad Batch season.

If you're cooking dinner, what will everyone be eating?

My family's sauce recipe.

How can I contact the project team?

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