

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital Redevelopment

Project

What is the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital Redevelopment?

The NSW Government has committed \$750 million to the redevelopment of RPA Hospital. This significant and exciting investment focuses on improving the experience for patients, carers, visitors, staff and the community now and into the future.

Why is the RPA Redevelopment needed?

Since its foundation in 1882, RPA has been a respected provider of healthcare, maintaining the philosophy that our doors are always open to those who need our help. As one of the oldest hospitals in Australia, RPA provides critical lifesaving functions and is recognised as a worldwide leader in healthcare excellence and innovation.

The RPA Redevelopment will deliver new and upgraded facilities that will enhance existing services, support the creation of new services and expand the future capacity of RPA.

The redevelopment is a once in a generation opportunity to deliver future-focussed, critical health care facilities that will improve the experience for patients, staff and the community now and into the future.

What services will the redevelopment deliver?

When complete, the RPA Redevelopment will deliver an enhanced and expanded Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, as well as improved medical imaging services, operating theatres and maternity, birthing and neonatal services and additional adult inpatient beds.

Digital and virtual models of care will continue to be enhanced and expanded as part of the redevelopment, to build on the success of rpaVirtual – the first virtual hospital in Australia that opened in 2020.

What are the services will be included in the redevelopment?

When complete, the RPA Redevelopment will deliver:

- Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units
- State-of-the-art operating theatres
- Expanded and improved adult inpatient accommodation
- Increased interventional and imaging services
- Expanded neonatology services

- Facilities and capabilities for integrated research, education and training
- Additional adult inpatient beds
- Improved public domain and services including roads, wayfinding, landscaping and information and communications technology infrastructure.

Who determined what clinical services should be included in the redevelopment?

The clinical services listed in the redevelopment scope were all identified as key priorities by Sydney Local Health District as part of the Clinical Services Plan (CSP) process.

The CSP is the critical first step in planning health services and informs other planning including models of care and infrastructure.

In 2019, the RPA Clinical Services Plan (CSP) was developed by Sydney Local Health District following extensive consultation with RPA departments and services, staff, clinicians and stakeholders.

Where is the project up to?

The RPA Redevelopment is currently in the planning phase with significant progress made since the project was announced for fast-tracking in late 2020, as part of the state's COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

A State Significant Development Application (SSDA) will be prepared for the RPA Redevelopment and lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in 2022.

Hospital planning is a complex process that involves extensive consultation with staff, patients, consumers and the community to ensure the right clinical needs are met. To find out more about the process visit www.rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au

When will the project be completed?

Subject to planning approval and main works construction starting in 2023, the new hospital building and refurbishment of existing spaces is expected to be complete in 2026-27.

Who is responsible for delivering the RPA Redevelopment?

RPA Redevelopment is being delivered by Health Infrastructure in collaboration with Sydney Local Health District.

The redevelopment is strengthened by an Integrated Project Team formed across a range of different specialists, who work together to deliver the best outcome for the community.

Precinct

What is the Camperdown Health, Education and Research Precinct?

RPA is a key landholding within the Camperdown Health, Education and Research Precinct (CHERP), one of the largest and most comprehensive health and education precincts in Greater Sydney that forms part of the **Tech Central District**.

The key objective of the CHERP is to build upon the existing health, education and research strengths of these stakeholders to create an area of international standing, with a diverse and engaging public realm.

Are there any other projects underway in the CHERP?

The Sydney Biomedical Accelerator (SBA) will bring together researchers, clinicians and industry collaborators will work together to dramatically shorten the time between scientific discovery and health outcomes.

The (SBA) is a partnership project between NSW Health, Sydney Local Health District and the University of Sydney. It will be a state-of-the-art biomedical research complex spanning the University campus and the District's Royal Prince Alfred Hospital campus and will offer a unique global concentration of biomedical research talent.

For more information visit the website at: <http://sydneybiomedicalaccelerator.org>

What role does the RPA Redevelopment have in the CHERP?

The RPA Redevelopment is critical to the progress and development of the CHERP and its contribution to the broader vision and objectives of the Tech Central District.

Connection between the RPA Campus and broader CHERP will foster growth and economic development, innovation and partnership between some of Australia's leading institutions and industry.

Statutory planning

What is the statutory planning process?

As the project involves redevelopment of the RPA Hospital with a CIV of \$750 million, the project is declared a State Significant Development (SSD).

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Main works cannot commence until approval has been granted by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment through the SSDA planning process.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

An important component of the State Significant Development (SSD) process is the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

An EIS accompanies the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) and sets out how potential impacts on staff, residents, visitors, the community and environment will be managed. These impacts include transport and access, amenity and public domain, air quality, noise, dust and vibration and other important environmental considerations.

The EIS goes on public exhibition as part of the statutory planning process, providing the opportunity for stakeholders and the community to find out more about the project, ask questions and give feedback.

Construction

When will main works construction start?

The RPA Redevelopment will include early and enabling works in advance of main works, to help achieve early additional clinical capacity for the RPA Hospital and prepare the site for main works to commence.

Early works have commenced with the relocation of the Kidney Centre at RPA to a new fit for purpose location in the Professor Marie Bashir Centre.

Other early and enabling works will be carried out during 2022 that include the relocation and realignment of in-ground services, as well as the refurbishment, expansion and construction of new facilities.

How do I find out about upcoming construction works?

The Integrated Project Team will provide regular construction updates to ensure staff, patients, local residents, local businesses and the community have timely access to information about upcoming works.

Ensuring the safety of the community and staff will be our number one priority at all times.

To register your interest in the RPA Redevelopment and keep up to date with project information, complete our [online contact form](#).

Will RPA Hospital remain open during construction?

It is important that the RPA Hospital remains open to patients, staff, visitors and the community while construction works are occurring.

Any disruptions and impacts are be carefully managed and kept to a minimum. Emergency, patient and logistics access will be maintained at all times.

Stakeholder and community consultation

What role do stakeholders and the community have in the RPA Redevelopment?

Staff, clinicians, consumers and community members play a key role in the design and planning of the health services and facilities for the Redevelopment and actively participate in Project User Groups and other opportunities for collaboration.

Strong partnerships and engagement between the Integrated Project Team and staff, consumers, local residents and businesses and the community are a core element of our work.

Please [click here](#) to find out more about the community engagement which is helping to design and plan for the RPA Redevelopment.

How are stakeholders and the community kept informed about the RPA Redevelopment?

There are a range of ways stakeholders and the community will be kept informed about the RPA Redevelopment, including:

- Via the project website
- Emailing information through our distribution list
- Letterbox drops
- Community and staff information sessions
- Staff forums.

To receive project updates, please subscribe through our Contact Us page.

Contact details

How do I register my interest in the project and/or contact the redevelopment team?

Please email us at rparedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au

You can also submit any questions, comments or feedback via our Contact Us page on the RPA Redevelopment website: www.rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au

How can I contact the project team?

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team at the details below.

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