



Project Update

The NSW Government has committed \$940 million to the redevelopment of the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital which is the most significant investment in RPA's 140-year history.

When complete, the RPA Redevelopment will deliver:



Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units



Expanded neonatology services



State-of-the-art operating theatres



Improved roads, signage and landscaping throughout the hospital campus



Expanded and improved adult inpatient ward accommodation



A new open garden courtyard



Increased interventional and imaging services

Planning approval

Construction is under way on the redevelopment of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital with the first sod turned by Minister for Health, Ryan Park.

The \$940 million redevelopment of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital is another step closer, following approval of the development application by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

The approval marks a major milestone for the project which will enable site preparation works to commence ahead of main works construction. These works will include the temporary relocation of the helipad, to ensure RPA can continue to provide world-class healthcare to the community with no impacts to service during the construction phase.

Celebrated onsite with a smoking ceremony followed by a sod turn, the major investment will enhance access to vital healthcare and include an expanded emergency department and Intensive Care Unit, more inpatient beds, as well as enhancements to medical imaging, operating theatres, maternity, birthing and neonatal areas.

Obtaining final approval means tenders for the main works of the project will be issued soon. Main construction works are expected to commence early 2024, with the RPA Hospital redevelopment project forecast for completion in 2028.





Find out more in our [Fact Sheet](#).


Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology are moving

The Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology (TP&DO) Department's new and expanded location is nearing completion, with the team planning to relocate to Building 12 in late October 2023.

As part of the enabling works for the \$940 million RPA Hospital redevelopment, the refurbishment of an existing space on the campus has provided the opportunity for the department to relocate prior to the main works commencing.

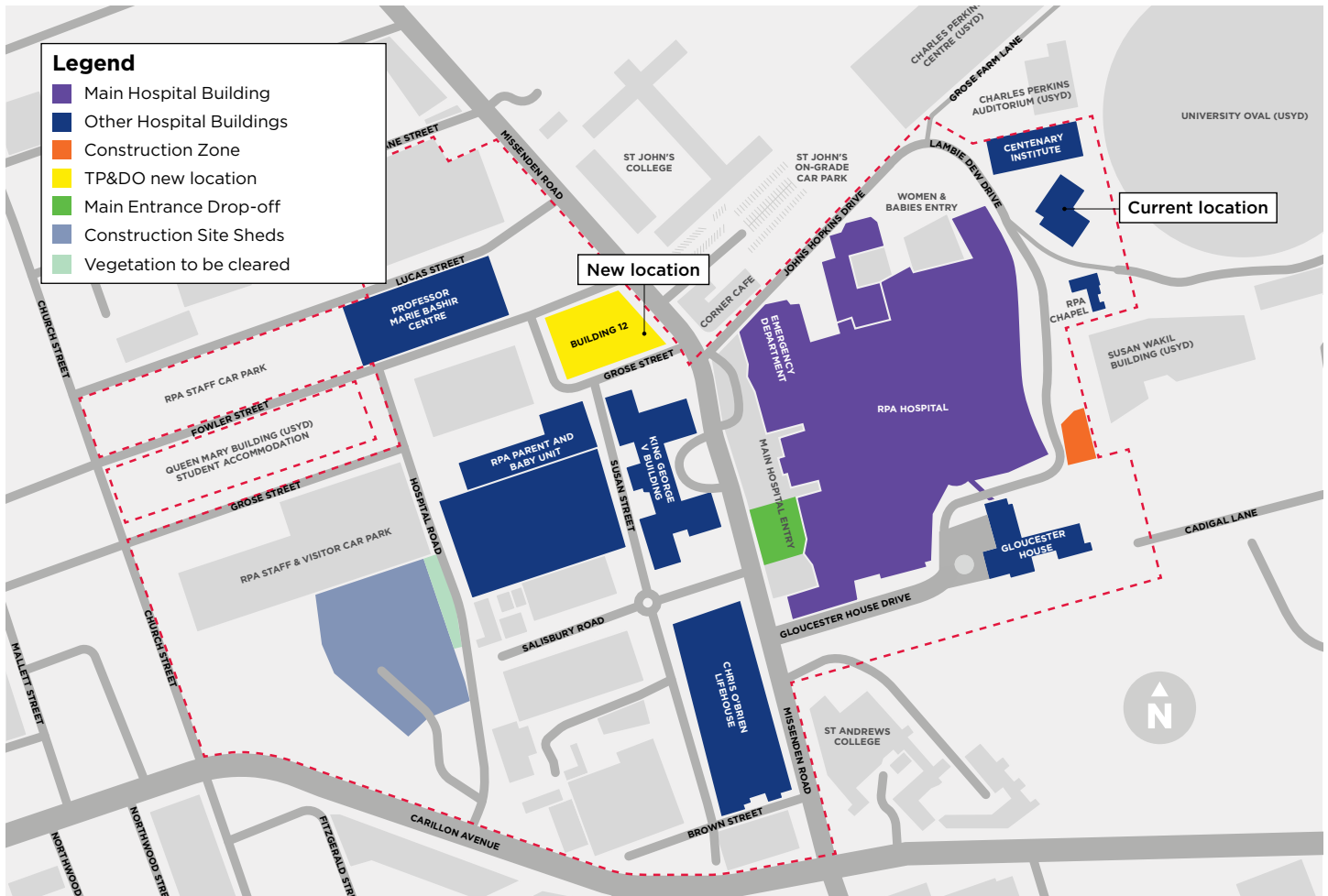
Key features of the new space:

	New laboratory spaces with enhancements to current major medical equipment
	Laboratory-specific systems and services to support and facilitate operations
	Specialist temperature management systems
	A new cool room, reticulated chemical system, and specialist dangerous goods store



Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology is a diagnostic branch of medicine that involves the study of body organs and tissues. The department is crucial in determining the cause and effect of diseases, assisting with prognosis and treatment.

The team is eagerly awaiting and excitedly preparing for the upcoming move with all hands on deck to pack, plan and familiarise themselves with their new space.



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

Tools down for enabling works

Enabling works for the redevelopment are nearly complete, providing a purpose-built facility for the Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology Department, and enhancing campus roads and landscaping to prepare the site for construction.

Indigenous construction company Barpa were appointed the enabling works contract and commenced work in late 2022. Reconfiguring Gloucester House forecourt, adjusting the level 4 link bridge and refurbishing existing spaces, it has certainly been a busy time for Barpa.

As we progress towards main works construction, we thank the Barpa team for helping prepare for all the exciting changes ahead.



Heritage strategy

The RPA Hospital campus is one of the oldest in Australia and possesses significant heritage value both physically in the form of buildings, courtyards and landscape, as well as culturally, through the history and stories of place.

A key objective of the RPA Redevelopment is to celebrate and minimise impacts on the most significant heritage buildings on the campus. In particular, the team has worked to ensure the oldest buildings along Missenden Road, which are state-heritage-listed, are retained and reused in the hospital expansion.

Extensive consultation with key stakeholders and a heritage impact assessment have been conducted to understand the significance and history of the buildings, and a framework has been adopted to preserve and document the history of key elements. The redevelopment works have been designed to be sensitive to the heritage significance of the site, with heritage values preserved and interpreted throughout the new buildings, to ensure that the history of RPA can continue to be celebrated and enjoyed by all.



Landscaping strategy

The planting strategy has been thoughtfully considered to respect heritage, Connect with Country, replace significant planting impacted by the hospital expansion, and maximise tree canopy where appropriate.

Landscaping has been shown to have a considerable positive impact on the wellbeing of staff and patient recovery rates, reducing the extent of time and medication required when patients are in hospital. A key project commitment is developing high-quality landscape outcomes to promote wellness, support recovery and harness the healing power of nature throughout the reimagined spaces.

Landscape and heritage works

To further prepare the site for construction of the new 15-storey building, there will be tree removal and building demolition works occurring. Every effort is being made to minimise impact on existing buildings, however the former Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology building, the RPA Chapel, and the rear gardens on Lambie Dew Drive will be removed.

To help inform decisions around tree removal, an extensive environmental impact assessment was conducted to evaluate the project's possible impacts on the local ecology. To mitigate the impact of tree removal, we have incorporated a comprehensive replanting strategy which includes the planting of new trees within the project area and the surrounding vicinity.

The removal of trees provides opportunity to reimagine the campus landscaping and ensure inclusion of flora that is indigenous to the land on which the hospital is built. The heritage and landscape interpretation strategy has been thoughtfully considered to respect RPA's heritage, Connect with Country, replace significant plantings and maximise tree canopy where appropriate.

Learn more in the [Heritage Fact Sheet](#) and the [Landscaping Fact Sheet](#).



CPB Works: Site establishment

Staff and patients may notice an increase in activity taking place near Hospital Road and Carillon Avenue, Camperdown while our contractors set up dedicated site sheds.

To prepare for construction, our contractors CPB are setting up dedicated site sheds on the corner of Hospital Road and Carillon Avenue. The sheds will enable CPB to establish an office space and work towards mobilising on site as works get underway.

Find out more in the [Works Notification](#) on the [project website](#).



Social PinPoint

The RPA Redevelopment project now has a new interactive map to help keep you in the know. Our interactive map displays campus changes and construction activities occurring at RPA Hospital to ensure everyone is kept in the know.

The Social PinPoint interactive map will be updated regularly as works progress, so you can see the changes happening onsite.

Check it out on our [project website](#) and learn more in our [Fact Sheet](#).



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.



Meet the Team

Carlie Wiersma,
Tissue Pathology & Diagnostic Oncology,
Laboratory Manager

How long have you worked in health?

Just over 10 years

How did you come to work in your current role?

With a background in forensics, I was drawn to the important element pathology plays.

What is one of your favourite parts of your job?

Participating in the puzzle solving that is pathology, whilst witnessing the contribution my team members' knowledge and skillset (which sometimes appears to be magic) plays.

What are you most looking forward to in your new space?

The fact that it is purpose built to best facilitate workflow efficiencies. I am excited to see how our staff make use of this new space.

How are you preparing to relocate to the new space?

There are many conversations around how greatly we will benefit from the new space. At present, a skip bin is placed in front of the department to encourage throw-outs. We have a small team working on individual room preparation and marking with coloured stickers what is to be left behind/come across.

How will the new space enhance the TP&DO?

The new space will decrease diagnostic timeframes, provide space for additional equipment, and be a dedicated space with a planned layout. We are so proud of what we do and look forward to showing off a little.

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

Drop dead outrageous.

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

Oh dear, heavily depends on what I expect to be walking into. Radiohead and System of a Down are on heavy rotation.

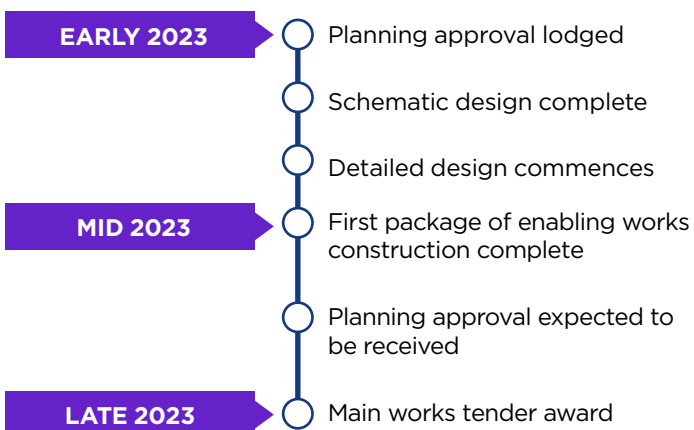
Last great TV show or movie you watched?

Ted Lasso. I am constantly inspired by both the leadership and mental health support aspects.

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

I guarantee that it will look delightful, but looks are deceiving.

Key Milestones



Where to next?

You can find out more about the redevelopment at: rpadevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au.

You are also invited to send any feedback, suggestions or comments you would like to raise with the redevelopment team via the contact form on our website or by emailing: rpadevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au

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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.

Email: rpadevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au | **Website:** rpadevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au

Community and staff pop-up information session

The \$940 million redevelopment of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA) will deliver the biggest transformation in the hospital's 140-year history of caring for the community.

Community and staff are invited to visit our pop-up in the RPA main hospital foyer and speak with representatives from the redevelopment project team to find out more on what is being delivered.

Tuesday 31 October | 10.30am to 12.30pm

RPA main hospital foyer on Level 5, adjacent to the main reception

Wednesday 1 November | 10.30am to 12.30pm

RPA main hospital foyer on Level 5, adjacent to the main reception

Find out more about the RPA Redevelopment at rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au or email the team at rparedevelopment@health.nsw.au with any questions or feedback.



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