

## Project User Groups, Schematic Design

The \$750 million Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital redevelopment has entered the Schematic Design stage following the successful unveiling of the hospital's concept designs. As part of this next design stage, Health Infrastructure and Sydney Local Health District are working with Project User Groups (PUGs) to ensure that the newly built hospital will operate efficiently whilst providing high quality care.

As part of the design process, the project will undertake extensive consultation with staff, clinicians, patients, consumers, and the community to ensure the right clinical needs are met. During the schematic design phase, members of the PUGs focus on how patients, carers, visitors and staff will move through the hospital from arrival to departure.

### What are Project User Groups?

'Department focused' and representative of the hospital's operations team, users, staff and consumers. Project User Groups assist with configuring the layout of each department within the new hospital and design how rooms and services will relate to each other.

During the Schematic Design phase, Project User Groups work alongside the architectural team to develop and ensure best practice for patient care and achieve the next level of detail for the RPA redevelopment designs.

### Why are these groups important?

Creating a state-of-the-art, custom-built hospital requires the expertise and collaboration of both the projects architects and engineers as well as the clinicians, service operators, management team and consumers who will work and operate in the new spaces. User group members bring their operational and clinical experience to the schematic design process and provide a greater level of insight that informs the designs of how the new hospital will look, and importantly how it will work.

### What about the patients?

Keeping the needs of our patients – both current and future – at the core of the planning, design, and delivery phases of the redevelopment of RPA is critical, and therefore consumer representatives are equally involved in the Project User Groups through schematic design.

### What will Project User Groups be doing during Schematic Design?








Consultation with the Project User Groups will focus on the following topics:

- Departmental entries
- Room locations and adjacencies
- Door locations
- Departmental corridors
- Security zones
- Patient/ staff and public flows.
- Feedback will be taken onboard and feed into the development of the schematic design.



## Project overview

When complete, the RPA Redevelopment will deliver:

	Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units		Expanded neonatal services
	State-of-the-art operating theatres		Facilities and capabilities for integrated research, education and training
	Expanded and improved adult inpatient accommodation		Improved public domain and services including roads, wayfinding, landscaping and information and communications technology infrastructure.
	Increased interventional and imaging services		

## Key Milestones



## Next steps

Enabling works are underway on site. Barpa, the enabling works contractor has established site and works have commenced. These works will be carried out until mid-2023 and will see some restricted vehicle access to certain areas including the day surgery drop off lane. All restrictions will be well signposted, with active traffic management on site to support the safe flow of traffic.

Please see [Enabling works Fact Sheet](#).

A **State Significant Development Application (SSDA)** will be prepared for the RPA Redevelopment and lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in early 2023.

## Want to find out more?

You can find out more about the redevelopment at: [www.rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rparedevelopment.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: [rparedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rparedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au).

Please see our [Fact Sheet on Schematic Design](#)

## How can I contact the project team?

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