



Sod turn kicks off Liverpool Hospital transformation

The \$790 million redevelopment of Liverpool Hospital is now a step closer to delivery, following the recent turning of the first sod to mark the start of main works construction on the Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct.

Minister for Health Brad Hazzard and Member for Holsworthy Melanie Gibbons dug their shovels into the ground with our project delivery partners to celebrate this significant milestone.

As one of the state's largest health infrastructure projects, the redevelopment will provide communities of south western Sydney with expanded and enhanced healthcare close to home.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager Karen McMenamin said she was excited to see the start of construction on the new six-storey hospital tower.

"There's already been a significant amount of works undertaken to get us to this point, including a huge early works package which saw the demolition of several buildings and many infrastructure upgrades across the hospital campus to prepare the site."

The first stage of main works construction is due for completion in late 2023 and will deliver a new birthing unit and neonatal intensive care unit, new pathology department and pharmacy, and a new hospital main entrance off Goulburn Street.

The project will provide significant employment opportunities both during construction and on completion, paving the way for future generations of nurses, doctors, researchers and educators.

Also launched on the day was the project's 'Buraga Gul' Skilling and Employment Hub – an initiative of principal builder Lendlease to support local workforce participation, skills development and training through partnerships with NSW Health, TAFE and Liverpool City Council.



Our project mascots joined in on the celebrations

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Traditional ceremony prepares site

Prior to the turning of the first sod, main works builder Lendlease hosted a traditional smoking ceremony on the construction site, joined by a member of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council.

A small group of guests representing the local health district, hospital and project team participated in the smoking ceremony, which was performed by Rhett Burraston, a proud Mandandanji/ Ngemba man who was born on Dharawal land.

Rhett also shared his knowledge of the three different types of eucalyptus leaves used in the smoking ceremony.

The ceremony was performed to cleanse the land and create positive energy on site before construction of the new buildings commences.



Colourful addition to future car park

Inspired by flower petals from across the Gandangara region and the rich Aboriginal history of the Liverpool region, the highly anticipated façade design of the new \$50 million multi-storey car park has been revealed.

A striking design developed by Indigenous artist Bibi Barba in collaboration with Aboriginal Elders, services and community members, celebrates the local region's environmental and cultural diversity through shape and colour on a mass scale.

"I'm so proud to have been involved in such a significant local project and to have worked together with community to champion an authentic Aboriginal design, inspired by our rich history in the area," Ms Barba said.

The visual appeal of the car park façade design will give the hospital site a distinctive identity and has



Artist impression of the façade artwork that will feature on the new car park

been embraced by local schools and hospital staff who were engaged throughout design development.

The arts play an important role in our hospitals to create an environment that will assist recovery and provide welcoming, safe and connected spaces for all who visit – from the moment they arrive on campus.

To enhance the patient, visitor and staff experience, this installation will be the first of many to come as part of the arts and culture strategy for the project.

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