

## Liverpool Hospital celebrates **construction milestone**

Liverpool Hospital is celebrating the completion of its new Integrated Services Building, the centrepiece of the first stage of the \$830 million Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct.

Premier Chris Minns, Health Minister Ryan Park and Liverpool MP Charishma Kaliyanda joined SWSLHD Board Member Professor Jill White AM, Chief Executive Sonia Marshall PSM, Liverpool Hospital General Manager Scott McGrath and executive leaders from Health Infrastructure and Health Pathology for a tour of the new multi-storey building.

Staff and patients will progressively move into the new building in the coming weeks.

Ms Marshall congratulated the many teams involved in the completion of the impressive new building, which includes the new and expanded Neonatal Intensive Care and Birthing Units and the new centralised Pathology Department.

“The Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct redevelopment is creating a hub for innovation and medical research to provide a world-class working environment for our highly skilled clinicians and staff,” Ms Marshall said.

Work on Stage 2 of the hospital’s redevelopment will start later this year.





## Aboriginal smoking ceremony and stakeholder event

Liverpool Hospital, alongside key stakeholders who have been integral to the redevelopment, came together to celebrate the completion of Stage 1 of the Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct.

A traditional Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony was held to cleanse, bless, and protect the new space before it opens, making this a significant moment in our hospital's journey.

Guests were also welcomed with a beautiful performance of the Australian National Anthem, first in the Dharawal language, followed by English. This was followed by words from representatives of Liverpool's diverse cultures in Arabic, Mandarin, Hindi, and Vietnamese.

Representing the wonderful young people of our community, we had the pleasure of hearing from student leaders from Liverpool Girls and Liverpool Boys High Schools, who spoke on behalf of the next generation — those who may one day use or even work in the hospital's services. And finally guests were invited on a guided tour of the new building.





## Community open day success

Staff and community celebrated the completion of Stage 1 of the hospital redevelopment with the 'Welcome all Cultures' Community Open Day, which boasted a successful turnout and an exciting day for all ages!

The event offered a unique opportunity to explore the new integrated services building before it opens for patient care.

With more than 500 people in attendance, Liverpool's diverse community was welcomed into their new hospital building through a culturally infused celebration of song, dance, tours and stalls.

The day commenced with a beautiful Acknowledgement of Country by Aunty Gail Smith followed by numerous multicultural performances and a First Nations dance.

Tours guided by project staff treated guests to an exclusive look at the new Birthing Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pathology Department, and cultural artworks throughout the building

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There were also more than 15 stalls on hand for people to interact with from universities to health information and local community groups. There were even special guest appearances from Bluey, Pepper Pig, and Paw Patrol for the children, with free face painting also available.

"This was a lovely day for our entire community, and it was great to see everyone come together to celebrate the opening of the new Liverpool Hospital building," Liverpool Hospital General Manger Scott McGrath said.

"It brought all ages and cultures together, and showed the community this amazing new facility that is available for them in the heart of south western Sydney."









## Stunning new artworks unveiled

Artists and creative teams involved in the creation of the beautiful artworks featured in Stage 1 of the \$830 million Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct (LHAP) redevelopment of Liverpool Hospital had a “sneak peek” of their installations ahead of the new hospital building’s opening to the public on 28 October.

Hospital General Manager Scott McGrath said the artworks looked magnificent.

“I am so impressed with the artworks which reflect our wonderful culturally diverse community, our connection to country and most importantly creating an environment of healing, support and comfort,” Mr McGrath said.

Artist team Zakpage worked with local Aboriginal community members and traditional knowledge holders to co-design a major digital artwork and a suspended sculpture in the new building’s foyer, collectively called ‘Burbangana’, a Dharag word meaning ‘take hold of my hand and help me up’.

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Multicultural leaders developed the themes of the multicultural community art project, led by artist team Barahanos Byrne, including belonging, family, tradition, journeys and nature.

These themes inspired four local artists from migrant and refugee backgrounds, Federico Rekowski, Kevser Urgulo, Kevin Vo and Yasameen Albo, to create the wall graphics and installations featured across the new building.





