

### LIVERPOOL HEALTH AND ACADEMIC PRECINCT

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# **Community** Open Day

### Get ready to celebrate our amazing new building!



Join us for a special sneak peek at the stunning new Liverpool Hospital building during the 'Welcome All Cultures' Community Open Day on Saturday, 19 October, from 9am to 1pm.

This exciting event offers a unique opportunity

to explore the heart of the \$830 million Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct before it opens for patient care.

There will be an abundance of activities on the day including guided tours of the new hospital building, cultural performances.

interactive community health stalls, and fun children's activities including free face painting.

It's a perfect day for families, friends, and neighbours to come together and experience the heart of our community.

The five-level building, the centrepiece of the precinct's first stage, showcases cuttingedge facilities, including spacious birthing suites, an expanded Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and a centralised pathology service.

The new public entrance on Goulburn Street including the brand-new entrance fover and artwork will also be features to explore.

#### How to book

Via the QR code (right): Bookings are essential for the building tours. Secure your spot online at **Eventbrite**. Don't miss out! Bring the family, enjoy the festivities, and be part of this exciting moment for Liverpool Hospital and the community.

We can't wait to welcome you!



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### New courtyard a haven of peace

A beautiful new birthing unit courtyard at Liverpool Hospital will create an environment of peace and relaxation for women and their families during one of the most special times of their lives.

The private courtyard will open as part of the new and expanded birthing unit, a key feature of the Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct redevelopment of the hospital.

The hospital's midwives put on their hard hats and inspected the new outdoor area, giving it their seal of approval.

"The team are so pleased with this amazing new courtyard," Acting Birthing Unit Midwifery Unit Manager Marijana Radovic said.

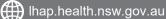
"It will be valued by patients and families who need a breath of fresh air, some sunshine, or just a moment to themselves in a calm space."

The courtyard's garden beds are filled with 164 trees and shrubs, with over 40 per cent native to Australia.

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### **Built-in robots key feature of new system**

A state-of-the-art microbiology automation system has been installed in NSW Health Pathology's new pathology laboratory as part of the Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct redevelopment of Liverpool Hospital.

The Total Laboratory Automation (TLA) system uses built-in robotics and track systems to process samples. incubate culture plates, create digital images for culture reading, and set up micro-organism identification tests, all without any manual handling by laboratory staff.

Dr Michael Maley, Local Pathology Director South Western Sydney, said after years of detailed planning, the microbiology team are excited to soon work in the new laboratory.

"We will combine the benefits of automation and Fusion (which is our new statewide laboratory information system) to improve patient outcomes, drive efficiency, and deliver greater satisfaction for our hard-working laboratory staff."

Dr Maley said the TLA system is more ergonomic for lab staff working at the benchtop and provides greater biological safety for staff with reduced exposure to samples and pathogens.

"The TLA system performs tedious, repetitive and time-consuming tasks in a fraction of the time and works continuously, 24 hours a day. This speeds up the time we can get results back to patients and enables lab staff to concentrate on important interactions with clinicians."



#### 60 seconds with...

This month we met with Kenneth Alvarez, our Acting Commissioning Manager who is responsible for overseeing the commissioning phase of redevelopment projects within Liverpool Hospital.



#### What is your favourite part about your job?

My favourite part is seeing the direct impact of our work on patient care and staff experience. Transitioning from Nurse Manager, Clinical Practice and Innovation, to Acting Redevelopment Commissioning Manager has allowed me to take a broader view of how we can shape the future of healthcare.

It's incredibly rewarding to be involved in projects that not only enhance our facilities but also support our teams in providing the best possible care for our community.

What are you looking forward to most in the redevelopment? I am excited to see how the redevelopment will bring a fresh, modern look to our hospital and make it even better for patients and staff.

What is something people may not know about you? I don't mind a little karaoke, even though I never hit the right notes.

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