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Take a first look at the new Sydney Children's Hospital

A new fly-through video animation has just launched for the redevelopment of Sydney Children's Hospital and Australia's first Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre at Randwick.

The release of the video marks the completion of the hospital's detailed design phase, taking the project one step closer to commencing construction on the \$658 million redevelopment, which will transform child and adolescent health by physically co-locating clinicians, researchers and educators together to engage clinical innovation with bedside care.

The fly-through video takes viewers on an animated journey through the new hospital, providing a first look at the state-of-the-art paediatric hospital and research facility.

Family rooms, green outdoor areas, play spaces and treatment facilities will be included in the facility's

design to create a welcoming and supportive environment that benefits patients and their families, and significantly improves the health care experience.

Patients and their families have been at the centre of planning throughout all stages of the project, ensuring the hospital supports an even higher standard of care and patient amenity than what is already provided at Randwick.

Head of the Kids Cancer Centre at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, Professor Tracey O'Brien, said children, patients, families, staff, researchers, students and community members have participated in more than 200 forums to share their experiences and priorities to inform the design of the new health facilities.

Construction is set to commence in the first half of 2022, and the new hospital will open for services in late 2025.



[Click here to watch the flythrough animation](#)

"The design focuses on creating spaces that support the wellbeing of children and their families, clinicians and researchers, and can be adapted to meet the changing needs of the community and evolving treatments."

*Professor Tracey O'Brien,
Kids Cancer Centre*

Pictured: Preview of the animation fly-through video

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Acute Services Building Commissioning Champions program kicks off

The Prince of Wales Hospital Change and Commissioning team were excited to hold their first Commissioning Champions info session, which was attended by more than 25 self-nominated Prince of Wales Hospital staff.

The Commissioning Champions program has just launched and is an important staff engagement initiative for the commissioning of the new Acute Services Building (ASB).

The session led attendees through a floor-by-floor overview of the ASB, giving them a broad understanding of what the new hospital has to offer. Attendees also gained an understanding of what to expect in their role as a Commissioning Champion.

Interested staff have joined the program from a wide range of departments and services within the hospital including Physiotherapy, ICU, Aged Care, Oncology, Speech Pathology, ED, Admin, Domestic Services and more.

Commissioning Champions will become a key link between their department and the Change and Commissioning team, and will be responsible for sharing information about the commissioning process with their colleagues in the lead up to the opening of the hospital.

It's not too late to become a Champion and there are no prerequisites or minimum requirements! The team will be hosting another info session in early February, with a tentative date and time of **Thu 10th Feb, 2022 at 2:45pm**. [If you're interested, get in touch](#).

Benefits of being a Commissioning Champion include:

- ✓ Having direct access to the redevelopment team
- ✓ Demonstrating leadership and being seen as a driver for positive change
- ✓ Meeting other Commissioning Champions across all moving departments
- ✓ Having an opportunity to provide feedback and have your voice heard
- ✓ Getting access to ASB site tours



Pictured left to right: Rosemary Cullen, Katie Sime, Maddy Bowmer, Adriana Chubaty & Emma Christmas from the Change & Commissioning Team

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Wrapping up the year; 2021 highlights from the Randwick Campus Redevelopment

Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building

Despite the challenges that came with 2021, the Acute Services Building celebrated a number of significant milestones throughout the year. One of the most exciting achievements was the building reaching its full height of 10 storeys and 64 metres back in March.

The NSW Premier and Minister for Health and Medical Research visited the construction site for the Topping Out Ceremony, where a locally sourced native ceremonial tree was planted to bring good fortune, as is custom in the construction industry. Sand from the ancient sand dunes on which the hospital stands was placed into the final concrete pour, anchoring the incredible history and local Aboriginal community's connection with the site to the new hospital.

Other highlights from the year for the ASB includes:

- Construction began later in the year on the much anticipated End of Trip facility, which will support staff who cycle or walk to work through the provision of bike racks, lockers, showers and change rooms
- Refurbishments to level 0 of the Royal Hospital for Women commenced after months of planning, to allow for the new linkway that will join the Randwick Hospitals Campus to the new ASB via a public link bridge
- Piling commenced and installation of the headstocks began, to support the future 3-storey clinical link bridge that will also connect the ASB with the campus centre
- The ASB became fully enclosed and watertight and the site was then energised, meaning lighting and equipment were switched on inside the building to enable the project team to conduct testing



Pictured above: The front of the ASB as pictured in Nov 2021; the Topping Out ceremony in March 2021

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Wrapping up the year; 2021 highlights from the Randwick Campus Redevelopment (continued)



Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 / Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre

As 2021 comes to a close, the Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre are celebrating a long-awaited milestone with the completion of detailed design.

With planning and design underway since 2019, the completion of this important stage is a result of many hours spent in Project User Groups contributing to the design process, to ensure the hospital reflects the unique functional needs of paediatric services at Randwick.

From the selection of interior finishes, furniture, equipment selection, lighting and technology designs, the wrap-up of design means the project is a step closer to the commencement of construction.

Other highlights from the project includes:

- The public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement in mid-2021, with improvements to the design incorporated in response to agency and community submissions
- The launch of the fly-through video animation and first look at the new hospital (see article on page one)
- The project team anticipate indicative planning consent to be issued from the Department Of Planning, Industry and Environment in late 2021 or early 2022

Pictured: New artist impressions of the SCH1 / CCCC

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Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct publishes their 2021 Year in Review

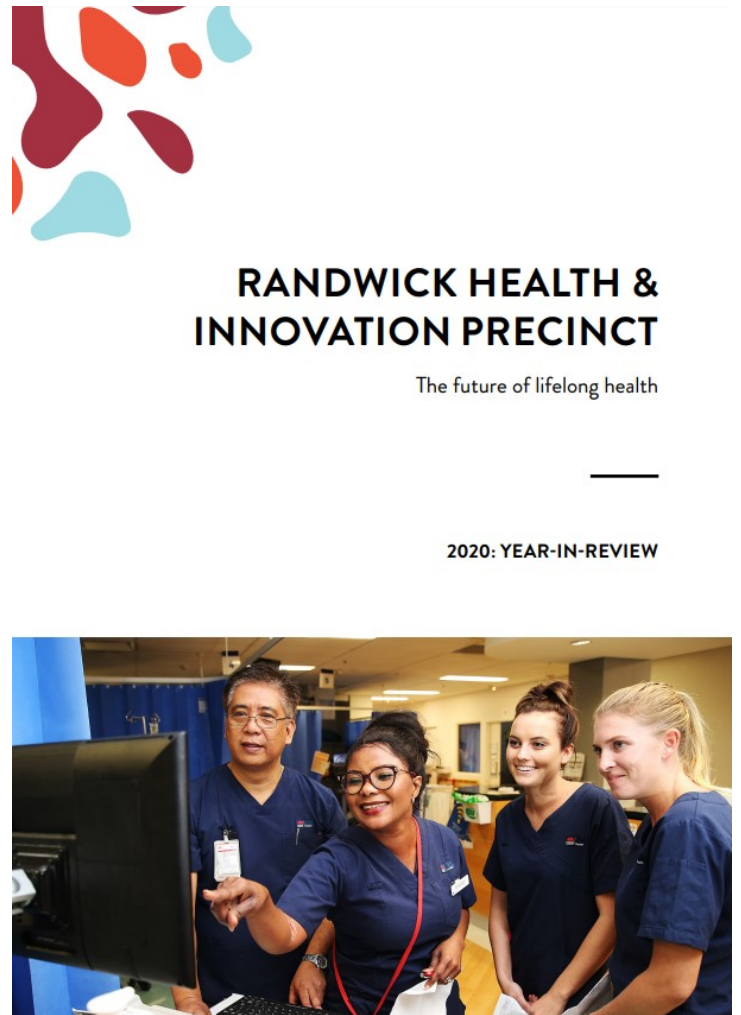
The Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct acknowledges the impact COVID-19 had on its community in 2021.

The Precinct as a whole and its four founding partners (*South Eastern Sydney Local Health District, the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, UNSW Sydney and Health Infrastructure*) had significant roles to play in responding to the pandemic, with;

- Clinicians supporting the surge of COVID-19 patients on hospital wards
- Researchers advancing understanding of RNA technology
- Educators adapting to online learning
- And staff and students working in vaccination hubs and remote monitoring teams

The strength of the relationships between the Precinct partners has never been more evident through their response to the pandemic, while continuing to drive innovation and accelerate their impact towards solving global challenges to enhance and nurture life-long health.

[Take a read of the Precinct's Year in Review](#), which lists the many achievements from the year gone and key priorities for 2022.



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Consumer engagement helps shape the future of patient and family experience

Essential to the planning of both Randwick Campus Redevelopment projects is consumer engagement.

Consumers contributed significantly to the design and planning of the Acute Services Building and the Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre (SCH1/CCCC) throughout 2021, providing important insight from a patient care perspective.

With members coming from a range of diverse backgrounds with varying connections to the hospitals and local area, the *Consumer and Community Advisory Committees* drove transparent and meaningful conversations with the project team in order to deliver a unique environment that will transform kids' and adults health.

Geraldine Woo, Deputy Chair of the SCH1/CCCC *Consumer and Community Advisory Committee*, uses her lived experience from time spent at Randwick with her son, to guide recommendations for the future redevelopments.

Local resident and member of the Acute Services Building redevelopment *Consumer and Community Advisory Committee*, John Patterson describes the redevelopment project and the committee as "a leading-edge project including ground-breaking community consultation and design input."

Consumers are recognised and thanked for playing a key part in the design, planning and delivery of these world-class facilities.

Elevating consumer voices and experiences for the redevelopment projects will continue to remain a priority through 2022 and beyond.

"The project is close to my heart after having spent almost 12 months in and out of Sydney Children's Hospital with our 13-year-old son in 2018. It's important for me to be able to contribute to the future design of the hospitals so that the journey of a child is the best possible experience they could encounter."

Geraldine Woo, consumer

Construction site closure for the holiday period:

The Acute Services Building construction site will close from **5pm Thursday, 23 December** and reopen **7am Tuesday, 4 January 2022**.

Have a question about the Randwick Campus Redevelopment?

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