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First patients arrive in the new Acute Services Building

It's an exciting time for Prince of Wales Hospital, with the new Acute Services Building (ASB) opening its doors to the public after more than seven years in the making.

Following three years of design consultation, more than three years of construction and many months of planning and commissioning, Prince of Wales Hospital staff and patients have started moving into the newly opened hospital building.

The very first patient arrived in the ASB at 8:30am on Tuesday 7 March. Joy, 47 from South Coogee had been in the Respiratory & Infectious Diseases ward since December and said her new room, with its view of the city, was "a world away" from the old ward.

Staff from each moving service have been bidding farewell to their old wards and celebrating with a ribbon cutting in their brand new space, an important acknowledgement of the hard work that has gone into transitioning each service while maintaining exceptional patient care.

Prince of Wales Hospital services are relocating to the new building in stages. To keep up to date with the changes, head to the [Prince of Wales Hospital website](https://www.princeofwaleshospital.nsw.gov.au).

The ASB will enhance the patient experience through new and improved technology, intuitive wayfinding and bright, open spaces.

Pictured top right: Joy, a patient in the Respiratory & Infectious Diseases ward, was the first patient transferred to the ASB; the front doors to the ASB at Botany Street were officially opened on Tuesday 14 March



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Staff celebrate as the Acute Services Building opens its doors to patients



Pictured: The Respiratory & Infectious Diseases team on their old and new ward



Pictured: The Haematology & Oncology team cut the ribbon; first patient of the day (Kate) arrives



Pictured: Orthopaedics bid farewell and celebrate the move with patient, Darren



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End of Trip facility – more than just bike racks in the basement!

The much-anticipated staff End of Trip facility is now open to South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Sydney Children's Hospital Network staff at the Randwick Hospitals Campus.

The new facility, located on level B3 of the campus car park, aims to encourage the use of active transport options and foster healthy lifestyle choices among workers, who are now better supported to cycle or walk to work, or exercise during the day.

Randwick Hospitals Campus staff and life partners, Marianne and Brett McCormick, were eager participants of the facility's pilot program and have embraced the new wellness-centric space.

"The End of Trip facility is a real bonus and enables me to enjoy a healthy commute to work, with the knowledge that there is reliable and safe parking available for my electric bike, as well as showers and lockers to ensure I can have a pleasant and productive day at work," said Marianne McCormick, Head of Department of Physiotherapy, Sydney Children's Hospital.

The contemporary facility consists of expansive bike storage, modern amenities, change rooms, as well as a few added bells and whistles, including a bike repair station, showers and toilets, 80 secure lockers and 200 secure bike racks. There are also ironing stations as well as drying cupboards for wet lycra.

"The layout and flow of the parking, change areas, entry and exit all work well," said Marianne.

Brett McCormick, Manager, Community Health Assessment and Therapy Team (CHATT), Prince of Wales Hospital Community Health said the new facility has made cycling a more viable transport option, regardless of the weather.

"I usually ride with my wife, Marianne. It's great being able to get some exercise on the way to and from work. The bike repair station is great as well!" said Brett.

"It is clean, safe, and well-lit and provides plenty of bike and scooter parking. It has really made a difference to my working day and is a fabulous initiative to support staff at the Randwick campus."
Marianne McCormick.



Pictured: Brett and Marianne arriving at the End of Trip facility on their bikes



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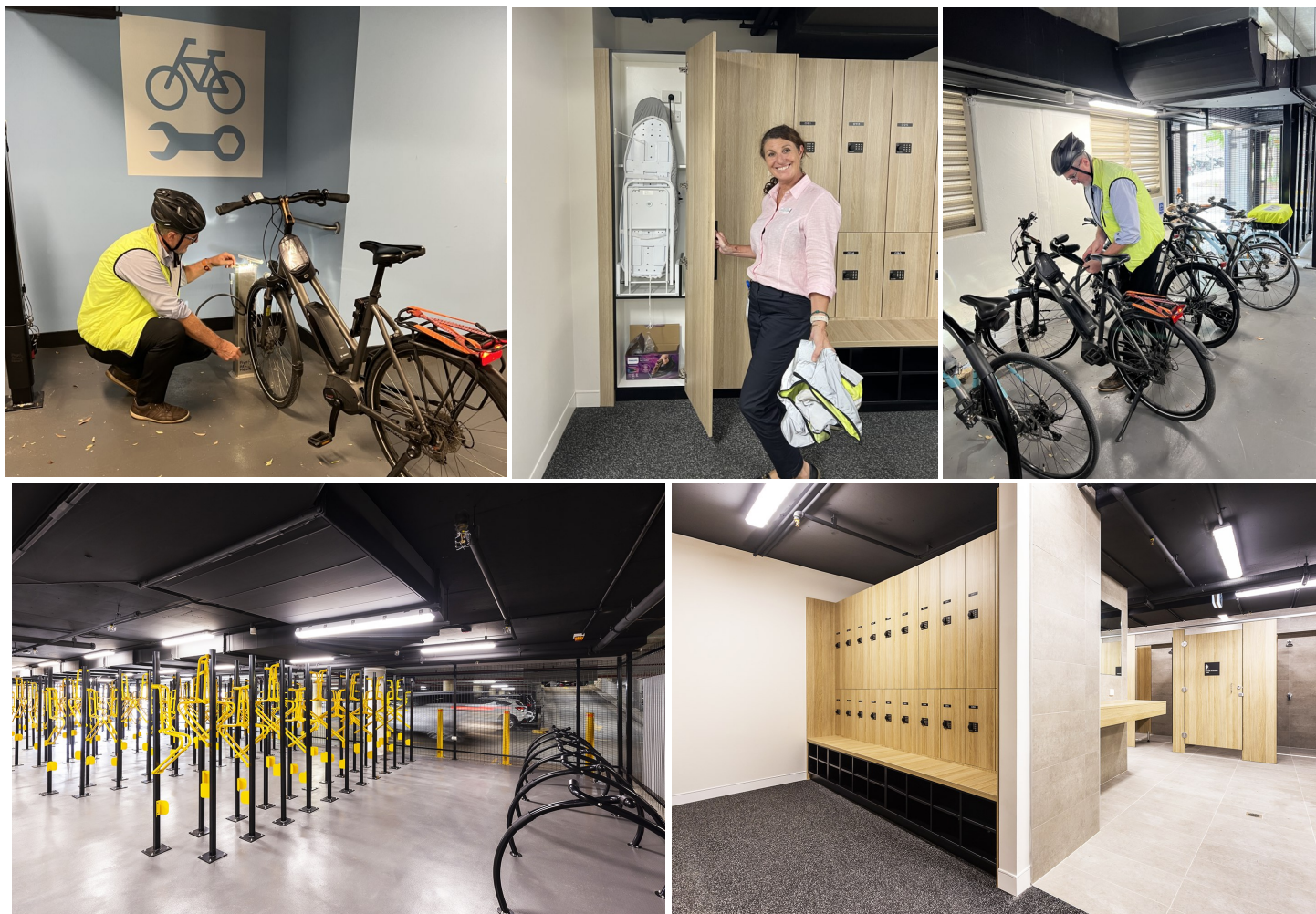


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End of Trip facility – more than just bike racks in the basement! (Continued)



Access to the facility has provided both Brett and Marianne with extra encouragement and motivation to ride to and from work regularly, supported by their workplace.

“It’s also a great way to meet staff from across the campus who ride bikes and scooters, and exchange tips and stories about our journeys to and from work,” said Marianne.

And this is why it is more than just bike racks in the basement!

All SESLHD and SCHN staff working at Randwick are encouraged to use the facility, now that the pilot program is complete and the facility fully open.

To activate your ID card, simply email Security at: jo.mcneil@health.nsw.gov.au

Pictured above: Brett and Marianne demonstrate the bike repair station, ironing facilities and bike racks

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Social Work department move into a refurbished space at the Royal

Following a temporary relocation to support construction activities, the Social Work department at the Royal Hospital for Women has moved to a new home on level 0.

The team are now settled into their newly refurbished space and can be found on the ground floor next to the MGP offices and close to the corridor leading to the new Acute Services Building. Social Work meetings will continue to be held in the level 4 meeting room, and all contact numbers remain the same.

The move took place just ahead of World Social Work Day, which was celebrated on 21 March. This year the theme was *'Respecting Diversity Through Joint Social Action'*, with the Royal's Social Work department proud to present at SESLHD's online forum for all social workers across the district.



Pictured: The Social Work Department settle into their new space on level 0 of the Royal Hospital for Women

Grab a bite and a coffee! Two new cafés now open

Two eateries have recently opened for business in the Acute Services Building.

Plume Café can be found on level 0, just over the public link bridge and opposite the Admissions desk. Plume offers hot drinks, sandwiches, bagels, salads and more. Sign up for their loyalty program and get your first coffee free!

Venture down the stairs to the main entrance foyer on level B1 and you'll find *Tsubu Sushi*, offering Japanese lunch boxes and sushi rolls.

Both eateries are surrounded by plenty of comfortable seating and tables.



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New images of the future Sydney Children's Hospital unveiled

New images showcase the welcoming and home-like interiors of the future Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Around 2,000 staff, patient families and community members were consulted in the development of the designs, sharing their lived experience of the hospital system with project architects Billard Leece Partnership, to help shape the building's interior spaces and exterior facade.

The interiors were designed with family-friendly spaces in mind, with comfortable sleeping options for parents and carers, as well as play and recreational areas, making use of natural light to promote healing.

The purpose-built facility is being delivered by Health Infrastructure in partnership with the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Children's Cancer Institute and UNSW and will bring paediatric care together with research, education and training spaces under one roof. When completed, the building will include:

- A new children's emergency department
- Medical short stay unit
- Neurosciences centre
- Virtual care centre and hospital command centre
- Inpatient units for medical, surgical, sleep and oncology specialties, including bone marrow transplant
- Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- A day oncology centre
- Laboratories to support cancer research, education and training
- Paediatric pharmacy
- Improved parent amenities, including overnight bereavement rooms
- Education and training spaces.

Head to the [Randwick Campus Redevelopment website](#) to check out the full suite of new images.



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Sydney Children's Hospital launches focus groups to enhance single-patient bedroom experiences

Judah has spent the first eight months of his life in hospital, and for his parents, having other families to share their journey with has been a source of comfort.

The eight-month-old has a rare genetic condition called Coffin-Siris syndrome and requires a tracheostomy and ventilator to help him breathe.

Judah has been cared for in a single-patient bedroom for the past three weeks of his stay at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

While his parents said their family benefits from having access to an ensuite bathroom and parent bed, social interactions with other parents are important to them.

"You can talk through your story with someone else, and you do not feel alone. You can see what other people are experiencing and get help from each other to get through it," said Judah's mum, Kirsten.

The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network is running a program called The Kids Way, to enhance the single-patient bedroom experience as the Network moves towards the model in future hospital buildings.

"The benefits of the single-patient rooms, beyond clinical, include reduced noise and light pollution, greater privacy and an individual ensuite, all contributing to a space that more closely supports a homely environment," said Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick Stage 1 Redevelopment Project Director Cathy Lovell.

The Kids Way team is conducting a survey and holding focus groups to learn more about previous family experiences with single-patient rooms. Staff are encouraged to share information about the survey with any families who may be able to assist with the project.



Pictured: Judah in hospital with his parents

Head to the [Sydney Children's Hospital website](https://www.schh.nsw.gov.au/) for more information, including links to the survey and focus group registration.

Randwick Precinct pioneering in rare disease research

On **Rare Disease Day**, Tuesday 28 February, the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct (RHIP) shone a spotlight on some of the cutting-edge research being undertaken across the Precinct to improve quality of life for people living with a rare disease.

While individual diseases may be rare, the total number of Australians living with a life-threatening rare disease is not.

Approximately two million Australians live with one of the 7,000 known rare diseases – and in many of these cases, there are no treatments available.

Every day, our medical research community are working tirelessly to better understand and treat a range of rare diseases, as they strive to deliver better health outcomes for many of these vulnerable population groups.

Read more about the incredible work led by our researchers and patient advocates via the links below:

- [Prof. Adam Jaffe & Dr Shafagh Waters](#) on cystic fibrosis
- [Dr Emma Palmer](#) on rare disease education
- [Prof. Michelle Farrar & Dr Sandi Kariyawasam](#) on spinal muscular atrophy
- [Kris Pierce](#) on SCN2A and rare disease advocacy more broadly

To keep up-to-date with all Precinct-related news, follow RHIP on [LinkedIn](#) & [Twitter](#).



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RARE DISEASES CURRENTLY AFFECT **5%** OF THE WORLDWIDE POPULATION

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Faces of the Precinct: Five minutes with Professor Adam Jaffe

Q: What is your role in the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct (RHIP) team?

I wear various hats but for RHIP, I co-chair the Precinct's *Translational Research Working Group* – and for UNSW, Sydney, I head the Randwick Clinical Campus. While these two roles are quite distinct, there is considerable overlap which I hope will be beneficial in evolving the Precinct.

Q: What attracted you to this type of work?

I am a clinician researcher and am very passionate about embedding research and education in health care delivery. These Precinct roles bring various challenges but the reasons for me putting my hand up were the potential opportunities they afforded in helping to shape the future.

There are so many examples of world-leading researchers who often work in silos and are unaware of what expertise lies on their own doorstep. The RHIP partnership helps unlock these collaborative opportunities.

Q: What excites you most about the Precinct?

The presence of four major hospitals and five medical research institutes co-located next to a world-leading university is unique in Australia and brings unique opportunities.

If we get this right, we will create a lasting legacy for future students, health professionals and the communities we serve.

Our [Translational Research Strategy's \(2021-24\)](#) vision is: *"To reach beyond the physical borders of the Precinct and co-design health service, research and education in a collaborative way that adds strength to our recognised entities and enables delivery of best value and innovative healthcare,"* which beautifully encapsulates the opportunity that RHIP presents.

Q: What do the next six months look like for you?

A lot of meetings (hopefully a lot more face-to-face)!



Pictured: Professor Adam Jaffe

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