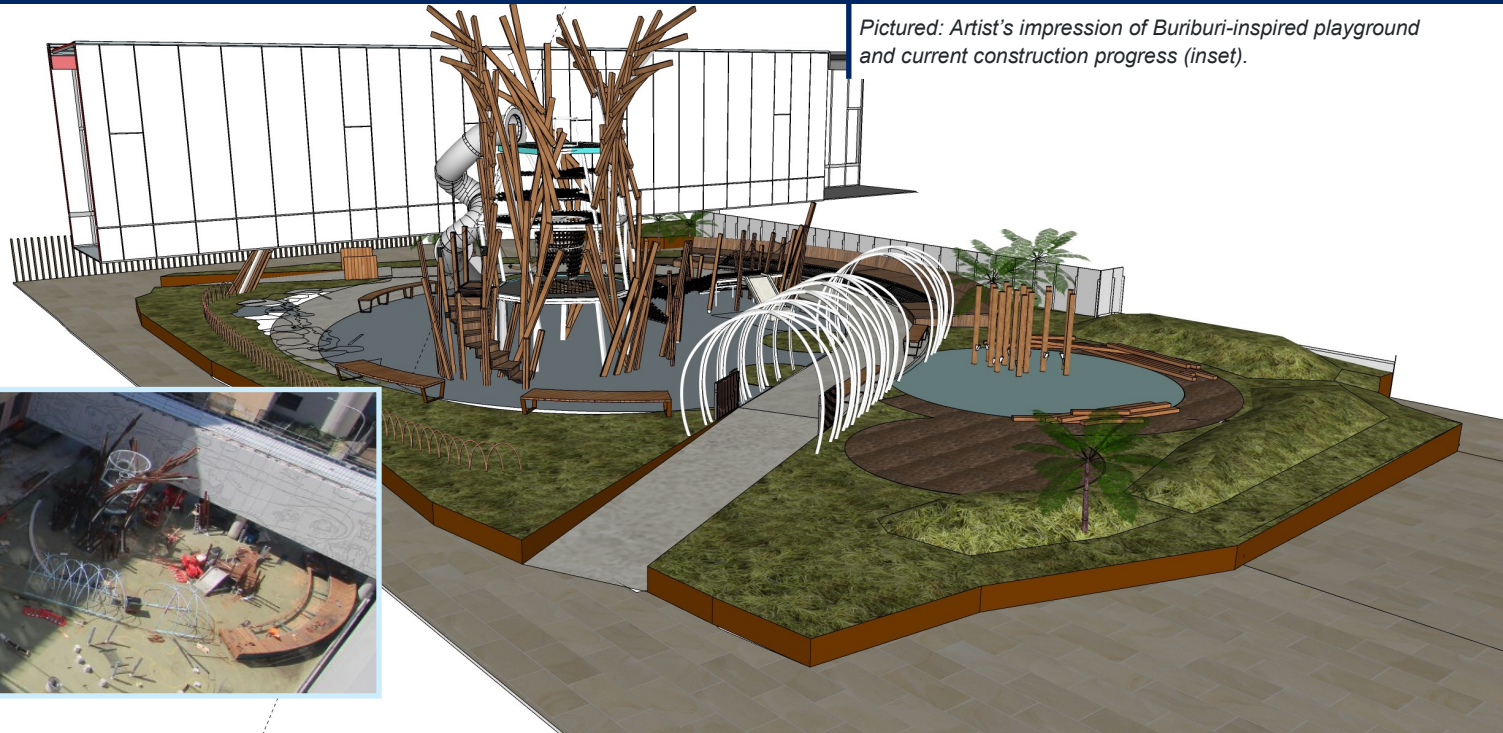


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Randwick Campus Redevelopment

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Pictured: Artist's impression of Buriburi-inspired playground and current construction progress (inset).

Celebrating culture through design

Our projects are committed to acknowledging the spiritual, physical and cultural connection to country held by the local Aboriginal community.

The Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Minderoo Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre (SCH1/MCCCC) project will include more than 3,000 square metres of publicly accessible recreation space to transform the patient experience and support wellbeing.

In a first for the Sydney Children's Hospital, the redevelopment will feature an all-abilities interactive outdoor play space to provide a place for patients, families and visitors to explore, relax and enjoy the outdoors.

The playground design was inspired by the spirit ancestor to the Aboriginal people of coastal Sydney – Buriburi.

Learn more about how Aboriginal culture is being celebrated through the hospital redevelopment on page 2.

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Explore our interactive map for the latest information on construction activities across campus, or to learn more about each of the projects being delivered as part of the RCR.



Aboriginal culture at heart of children's hospital redevelopment

A charming illustration of a humpback whale travelling along Sydney's coastline now adorns the façade of the sixty-metre-long clinical link bridge connecting the new children's hospital building to the Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Service Building (ASB).

The design is more than just decoration; it's an interpretation of a Dreaming story passed down by the original occupiers of the land.

Dharawal Elder Lola Ryan led the creation of the artwork by retelling the story of the buriburi, or whale, to patients and siblings at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

"The whale, the buriburi, travels up the coast, and one of its resting places is Sydney Harbour, along with all of our bays at Coogee and Maroubra."

The grandmother, who has recently marked 21 years as an Aboriginal Health Worker at Randwick, shared her learnings with children in the Hospital School, wards and outpatient units, who helped create the illustrations that feature on the link bridge facade.

The National Aboriginal Design Agency and Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation proudly supported the workshops.

For Aunty Lola, the process was about more than simply creating art; it presented an important opportunity to share her culture with the next generation.

"I grew up on the Aboriginal Reserve, called Missions, so I didn't grow up with culture because you weren't allowed to speak the language or practice Aboriginal culture," said Aunty Lola.

"The culture needs to be taught, and it's very important for it to live on. It gives our people a sense of belonging and knowing where they come from.

"We were here, and we didn't know what that meant to us when we were kids."

With the building set to open from November, Aunty Lola said showing her grandchildren the artwork will be a special moment.

"It will probably be a bit emotional," said Aunty Lola.

The link bridge artwork is just one element in the new hospital and research centre building that celebrates local Aboriginal culture.

Language, art and design elements supported by Aboriginal staff, families and community groups, such as the Gujaga Foundation, will feature prominently throughout the building, including a new playground.

Designed in partnership with the local community and also inspired by the buriburi story, the whale-themed play space will include a climbing feature, various slides, hanging structures, hammocks, sensory features and quiet areas.

Seating and landscaping will enable the space to be enjoyed by children in hospital beds and wheelchairs, creating an inclusive and welcoming area for all ages and abilities.

Construction of the much-anticipated recreation space is currently underway, in readiness for when the SCH1/MCCCC building opens in late 2025.

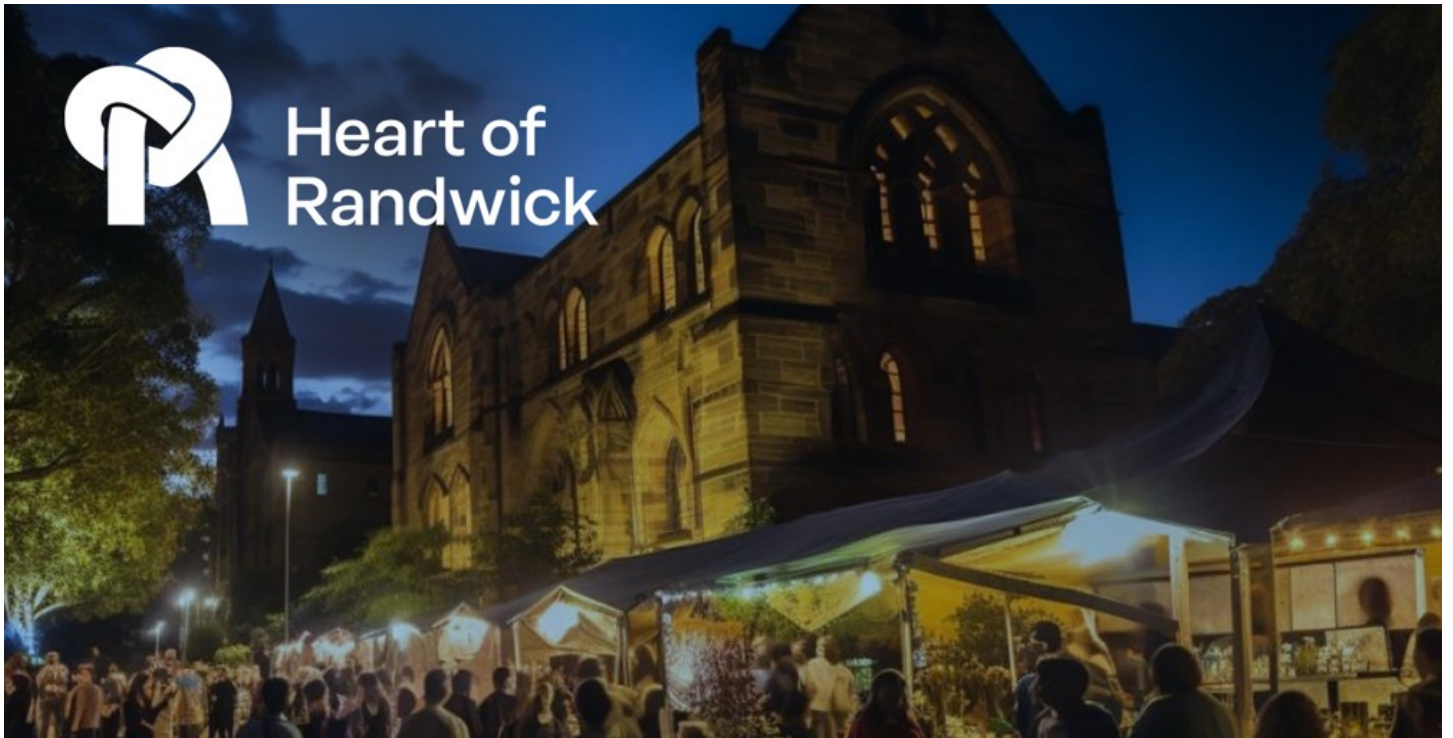


Pictured: (Above) Aunty Lola sharing the buriburi story. (Below) Eastern elevation of the Level 1 SCH1/MCCCC to ASB clinical link bridge.





Heart of Randwick



You're invited to feast, play and create in Randwick!



Heart of Randwick Creative Night



Friday 11 April 2025



3pm to 9pm



Inglis Park, Newmarket
(Barker Street, Randwick)



Heritage Quarter
(Randwick Hospitals Campus)



The Spot
(Perouse Road & St Paul Street)

Register your interest at www.heartofrandwick.com for the full program announcement

The Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct team invites you to join the fun at the Randwick Creative Night, a Heart of Randwick event bringing together the area's residents, local workers, students and visitors.

Activities will be held across the suburb. A buzzing market will take over the Heritage Quarter of the Hospitals Campus, while free creative workshops led by celebrated artists and local talent will run at Inglis Park at Newmarket and The Spot.

It's a chance to come together with other members of our diverse and intergenerational local community, enjoy a showcase of local culture, and try different creative skills.

Join a free acting class with NIDA Open, or enjoy a free shell art workshop with Gujaga Foundation, which leads cultural activity in the La Perouse Aboriginal community. You can also take part in drop in and make sessions with the acclaimed artist Nadia Odum, and add your mark to a collaborative Community Canvas led by Mindgardens and Black Dog Institute.

A formal launch ceremony will be held from 5pm at Inglis Park.

We hope you can join the team to celebrate the cultural vibrancy of the Randwick area on what is set to be a very enjoyable night.

Heart of Randwick is a new local area partnership proudly funded by the NSW Government as part of the Community Improvement District Pilot and Uptown programs.

In 2025, Heart of Randwick offers a dynamic program of arts and cultural events to boost the night-time vibrancy of Randwick's streets and public spaces. For updates, please sign up to the newsletter at www.heartofrandwick.com

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To keep up to date with what's happening across the Precinct, follow RHIP on [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#)

Out and about with project teams and stakeholders

There's always something happening across our redevelopment projects – from presentations and activations to site visits and events. Check out what some of the team has been up to...



Monthly tours for future occupants of the UNSW Health Translation Hub (HTH) building continue to provide groups with a sneak peek of their new workspaces.

The site recently welcomed teams from the Schools of Clinical Medicine and Population Health, National Drug and Research Centre (NDARC), and research support teams.

To further support planning for future moves, the HTH project team has hosted a UNSW HTH Community Forum and 'Ask me anything' sessions, where groups were able to ask questions about their new workspaces.



In February, female learners from TAFE NSW's Institute of Applied Technology – Construction program were given the opportunity to tour the SCH1/MCCCC project site. Participants were highly engaged and had lots of questions about the site and the project itself.

Principal contractor John Holland team member, Kasey Freckleton, facilitated the visit in her capacity as Female Participation Advisor, sharing her extensive knowledge and passion for her role in supporting women in construction.

The visit demonstrates TAFE NSW's commitment to providing accessible opportunities to learners as part of its Women in Construction Social Impact Strategy.



Staff from the campus Security Department recently joined representatives of the Prince of Wales Hospital (PoWH) Change and Commissioning team, Renascent (builder) and RPI (project managers) for a security review of the previously vacated areas currently being refurbished across PoWH, including the future Central Equipment Store space (pictured).

The security plan for each area will outline placement of CCTV cameras, duress alarms and swipe card readers to ensure a safe environment for staff, patients and visitors.

Refurbishment works in the future Central Equipment Store, Kidney Care Centre (Dickinson Level 0) and Security and On-call Accommodation spaces is progressing, with construction expected to be completed later this year, followed by hospital operational commissioning.

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