

New Acute Services Building for Randwick

The NSW Government is partnering with UNSW Sydney to deliver the Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building; the first stage of the Randwick Campus Redevelopment and the catalyst project for expanding the world-class health, research and education facilities at the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct.



Artist's Impression of the Acute Services Building, view from Botany Street.

Features of the new Acute Services Building

The Prince of Wales Hospital Acute Services Building includes:

- Expanded adult Emergency Department
- Expanded Intensive Care Unit
- Four new digital operating theatres equipped with state-of-the-art technology
- A new and expanded Central Sterilising Services Department
- A new helipad serving the Randwick Hospitals Campus
- Integrated education, teaching and research spaces, including a combination of quiet and active work stations and breakout rooms
- New Community Assessment Unit
- A Community Management Centre
- Expanded Psychiatric Emergency Care Centre
- Replacement of existing inpatient wards and provision of additional inpatient beds providing contemporary facilities for the following specialties:
 - ◇ Haematology and Oncology
 - ◇ Aged Care (Acute and Rehabilitation)
 - ◇ Acute Aged Care
 - ◇ Orthopaedics
 - ◇ Respiratory and Infectious Diseases
 - ◇ Clinical Neurosciences floor that will incorporate an expanded Acute Stroke Unit, Neurology and Neurosurgical beds and the Complex Epilepsy Service.

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What is the Acute Services Building?

The Acute Services Building is the first major upgrade to the Prince of Wales Hospital in 25 years, delivering state-of-the-art infrastructure that will support new and innovative approaches to acute healthcare and provide staff with purpose-designed and built facilities that support contemporary clinical practice.

Health-related academic and translational research spaces will be collocated with clinical services. These include laboratories and spaces to support collaboration and the testing and trialling of new models of care and innovative treatments.

Partnering to create opportunities

The Randwick Hospitals Campus has had teaching affiliations with UNSW Sydney for nearly 60 years. The Acute Services Building leverages this long-standing partnership by providing a physical and working integration between the Hospital and UNSW.

The new building embeds research, education and training initiatives with clinical activities and strengthens links between clinicians and researchers, providing important insights into current healthcare practice that will lead to learning and advancement in the way healthcare is delivered.

The Eastern Extension to the Acute Services Building will enable additional research, education and training spaces funded and delivered by UNSW Sydney. These spaces will enable clinical innovation and research, clinical engineering, and clinical translational research laboratories to be collocated directly alongside clinical staff providing acute healthcare services.

This will help position the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct at the forefront of health research and education internationally, attract and retain outstanding clinicians, health professionals and academics, drive better healthcare outcomes for patients and generate economic benefits for the community.

The Acute Services Building is part of our growing focus on embedding academic rigour in the daily health and wellbeing interactions we have with patients. These interactions give us important insights into current healthcare delivery while providing the opportunity to learn and improve models of care going forward.



Artist's impression looking south

Enhancing the patient experience

The new and expanded facilities, together with innovative approaches to clinical services, place the patient experience at the centre of healthcare delivery by:

- Improving services and technology to deliver contemporary models of care
- Integrating health services with education and research to foster a culture of discovery and innovation and a rapid translation of research results to bedside care
- Fostering calm through enhanced connectivity and intuitive wayfinding that helps patients reach their destination and access the required health services
- Promoting wellbeing by providing safe, green and open public spaces that connect with internal areas.

Delivering the project

The NSW Government is investing up to \$780 million to upgrade the Prince of Wales Hospital. This investment includes UNSW Sydney's commitment to funding additional research, education and training facilities. We are focused on delivering world leading health infrastructure that responds to the increasingly complex and evolving needs of our community now and into the future.

Staff, clinicians, health consumers and the community have played a key role in the design and planning process, helping deliver new hospital facilities and services that respond to the needs of patients, carers, families, local residents and the broader community.



Strengthening the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct

The new Acute Services Building is an opportunity to define the long-term direction for the expanded Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct, revitalise public domain and improve accessibility. Significant planning between Precinct partners has informed a new building that enables closer collaboration with UNSW and strengthens the health, research and education presence at Randwick.



Acute Services Building timeline



Accessibility and public domain

The design for the Acute Services Building has also considered how the new building will relate to surrounding public spaces and infrastructure, including the Randwick Hospitals Campus, UNSW, South East Light Rail and nearby retail precincts. New design features and changes to traffic conditions that will enhance the local built environment as well as improve accessibility include:

- A new 'hospital square' with pedestrian and vehicle access from Botany Street and a new public drop-off
- Art and culture program
- Green outdoor spaces, including internal and external courtyards
- Improvements to road and pedestrian infrastructure on Magill and Botany Streets
- Lowering of a section of Hospital Road and closure to through traffic from High Street
- Emergency Department access, patient parking and drop-off from Magill Street.

These features will also support the next phase of development to the north of the Acute Services Building, including the Sydney Children's Hospital Stage 1 and Children's Comprehensive Cancer Centre as well as the UNSW Health Translation Hub.

Partnering with the community

Community partnerships in planning the Randwick Campus Redevelopment are essential so that we can deliver new hospital facilities and services that respond to the needs of patients, carers, families, local residents and the community.

Consumers and community are a key part of the design and planning process, and we have an active group co-designing health services and facilities with the project team.

Community engagement has been a core element in the planning and design of the new Acute Services Building. As we enter the commissioning phase, I look forward to leading our dedicated Committee in ongoing, meaningful collaboration with the project team and partners to ensure community input continues to inform the delivery of patient and community-focused health services and facilities.

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