



*Artist's impression of the new building and landscaped areas for the community to relax and recharge.*

### Community feedback transforms our new hospital building

Community members and consumers have told us they want a new hospital building that is modern, light-filled and makes them feel welcome, safe and connected. We have listened carefully and the design of indoor and outdoor spaces have been directly impacted by the feedback and extensive consultation process.

There are many spaces designed specifically for patients, carers, visitors, staff and students to go to for relaxation or for quiet reflection. These spaces will play a key part in the health and well-being of everyone who visits the Westmead precinct - whether for healthcare, work, study, research or to visit a loved one in hospital.

Our main entrance and waiting areas have been transformed, thanks to community and consumer feedback. Arts and culture, and way-finding strategies will improve how people move in and around the precinct, including in and around the new building.



*Artist's impression of Hospital Road.*



*Artist's impression of the cultural gathering space.*

### Cultural gathering place

With close access to the adult's and children's emergency departments, the cultural gathering place will include both an indoor and outdoor area.

The outside landscaped area will be a place where community members can come together to reflect, think, grieve, observe sorry business or celebrate. Landscaped areas could feature local native species and art created by local artists and community members.

### Patient lounges

Each inpatient unit of the new building has a patient lounge - a place for carers and visitors to sit quietly and have a break while visiting their loved one.

Facilities include a kitchenette and large windows to take in stunning views. The walls will contain artworks that can be changed on an ongoing basis to promote a sense of peace, healing and safety.



*Artist's impression of a patient lounge, including a kitchenette, seating and views of the surrounding area.*

### Patient rooms with carer zones

We have created carer zones in more than half of the patient rooms inside the new hospital building. Rooms with carer zones include a lounge that converts into a bed, with drawers underneath to store bedding when not in use. A privacy screen can be drawn around the bed when needed. Rooms without carer zones have comfortable seating to allow carers and visitors to have a nap and relax during longer visits.

### Changing places

A number of adult changing places will be located in the entry to the new hospital building. These rooms will allow people with disabilities and their carers to change clothes and refresh. Carers and consumers have been crucial to the design of these spaces.

### Visiting hours and overnight stay procedures

A review of visiting hours and overnight stay procedures is underway across Westmead Hospital. Community members have told us that current policies and procedures are confusing. The new policy will be more flexible, easier to understand and respect the privacy of patients and their need for quiet time and rest.

### Waiting areas

Artworks will help create soothing, vibrant spaces across the new hospital building. Furniture choices will provide comfort, flexibility and privacy.



*Artist's impression of a carer lounge, which converts to a bed, in the children's short-stay unit.*

### Parent's retreat

Families with young children, who live in regional and remote Australia, have told us of the challenges of finding short-term accommodation at Westmead. In direct response, we are creating a parent's retreat for parents of children who are receiving treatment inside the new hospital building - in the emergency department or children's short-stay unit.

This space will have modern, comfortable facilities, including bedrooms, showers, a kitchenette, a lounge and areas to do things like check emails or make phone calls to loved ones. An outside play area, surrounded by landscaped areas and seating, will be another place to unwind and entertain other young children.



*Artist's impression of an adult patient room and carer zone.*



*Artist's impression of the parent's retreat and playground.*