

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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CONSTRUCTION on the hospital's new clinical services building has now reached its highest point, with the recent pouring of the slab for what will be the new helipad (pictured below).

An impressive 12-storey building that has been designed and purpose-built to serve the growing Macarthur community, the H-shaped structure will bring a range of hospital services and facilities together.

The Gnakanan, Birunji and Waratah House mental health services currently housed in separate buildings on the hospital campus will be centralised in a dedicated wing within the new building, with a total of six floors assigned to supporting patients with mental health needs.

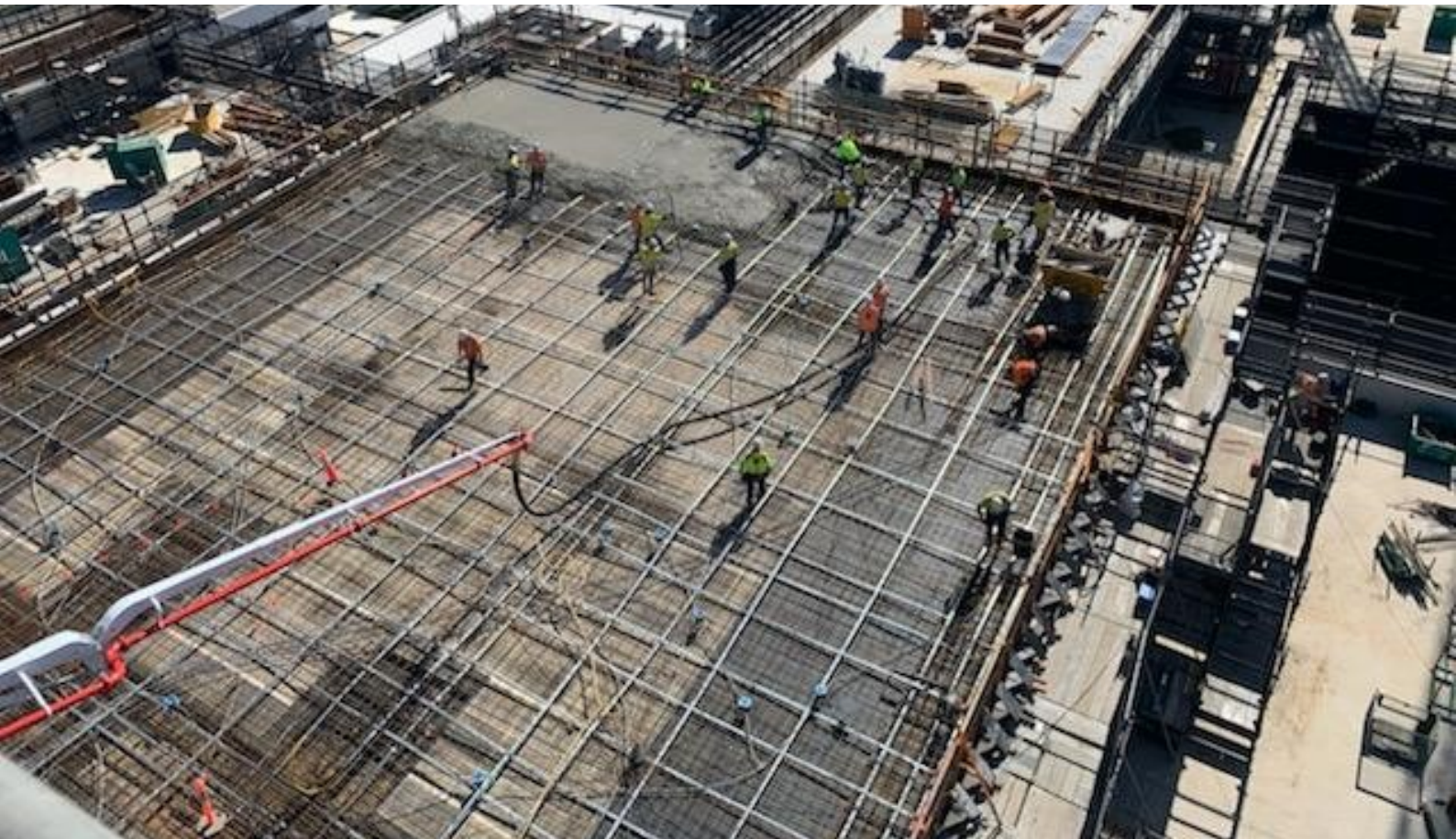
This will include additional mental health units to

serve young people, intensive care patients and older persons.

A world-class Special Care Nursery will also be delivered within close proximity to Maternity and Paediatrics to best support patient journeys.

Hospital Street, which will feature a retail and food outlets, will be the key connection between the existing hospital buildings and the new building.

The redevelopment project will enable a number of new and exciting services to be offered at Campbelltown Hospital on completion in 2023, including a new dental unit, digital operating theatres, and state-of-the-art technology to drive innovation and support interconnectivity between departments.



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TO CELEBRATE the “Topping Out” ceremony, an event held to signify a construction project reaching its highest point, a number of dignitaries braved wet and stormy weather on 26 February to visit Campbelltown Hospital and take part in the festivities.

NSW Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard, joined Camden MP Peter Sidgreaves and Wollondilly MP Nathaniel Smith, to scale the heights of the 12-storey clinical services building, joining workers and the redevelopment team in commemorating the occasion.

Premier Berejiklian said she was “absolutely amazed” at the progress made to deliver the new hospital.

“I remember seeing the once-concrete slab here not too long ago. To be able to come here now and experience 12-storeys of a clinical services

building which will provide critical health services to the Macarthur region is a very exciting prospect.”

Minister Hazzard said the Macarthur landscape was now dominated by 12-storeys of 21st century health facilities.

“We’re building new hospitals all over the state. In the regions and in the cities. CPB have been building a number of those hospitals – so thank you to all of the people who are involved with CPB, you are an amazing group of people doing amazing things.”

“This hospital will make a huge difference for a growing local community,” he said. “This is a labour of love for the south west community and we appreciate it very much,” he said.

The Eucalypt tree for the occasion has been growing in a local nursery alongside dozens of trees and plants that will feature across the hospital campus on completion of the new building. Hand selected to be the star feature of the occasion, the tree – almost four metres in height – will be the first to be planted onsite.



Members of the redevelopment project team on the day.

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WORKS ON CAMPUS

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P1 CAR PARK CHANGES

From Wednesday 17 March, access to the P1 visitor car park will be restricted to emergency vehicles, public bus services, patient drop-off, renal dialysis patients and accessible (disabled) parking only to enable work within the car park.

These works are required for the reconfiguration of P1 to support parking and patient/visitor access into the new clinical services building.

Alternative parking is available in the nearby P2 car park and other visitor car parks across campus. P8 is the best designated car park for outpatients or visitors requiring access to Building D, located on Parkside Crescent.

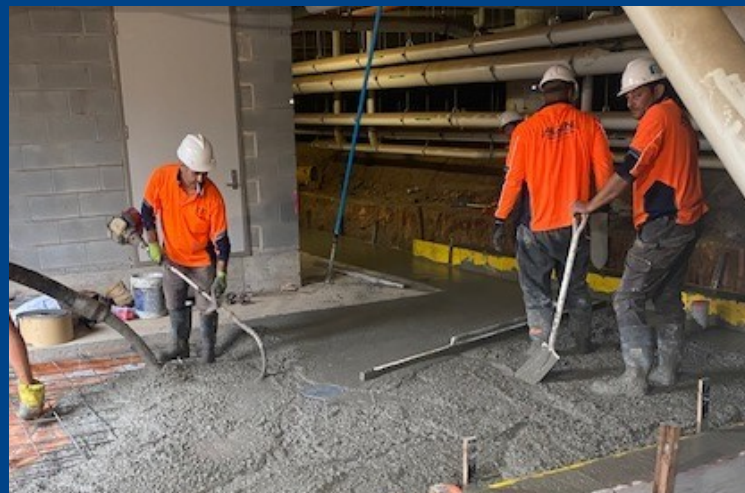
These changes will be in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week and involve a number of stages, with varying impacts at any given time.

Motorists and pedestrians are asked to please follow signage and instructions of traffic controllers to ensure safe travel.

Increased construction vehicle traffic and some noise, dust and vibration impacts may also be experienced throughout the works program.

P1 CAR PARK CHANGES SUMMARY OF IMPACTS

- **Restricted parking in P1 car park from Wednesday 17 March.**
- **Alternative parking available in nearby P2 car park.**
- **Emergency vehicles and valid permit holders excepted.**
- **Patient drop-off and bus services will be maintained during works.**



FIRST POUR MILESTONE

The new team on site, Taylor Construction, have made a flying start to refurbishment works, completing initial enabling works and recently pouring the first slab of concrete in what will become the hospital's new Clinical Information Department (CID).

The team will also deliver a new dental unit, and extension and refurbishment works to Pathology.

Increased noise and vibration in the vicinity of Building B may be experienced while foundation works take place until mid-May.



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Why do we top out with a tree?

The topping out of a completed building with an evergreen tree is a tradition that has been traced back to 2700 BC.

There are varying versions of the story, but the most commonly cited version refers to a pre- “dark-age” Scandinavian custom (around 700 AD) whereby an evergreen tree was placed on the highest point of the structure for good luck, and to indicate to all that the building was nearing completion and a celebration was in order.

An alternate version of the Scandinavian custom centred around the belief that nature was deity and all divine; and that man might have originated from a tree, with the soul of man returning to the tree after death.

And so, to appease the tree dwelling spirits of their ancestors that had been displaced; or as recompense for cutting trees down for lumber, a tree was ritualistically placed on the top of a new building to ward off evil spirits.

But historic evidence dates back even further than that, suggesting that in 2700 BC, the Egyptians used a living tree in a topping out ceremony for the country's first ever stone building.

Another version of the story suggests that when



high rises were first built in the United States, contractors employed Native American iron workers (whose prowess in steel erection has become legendary). The Indigenous belief was that no manmade structure should ever be taller than a tree, and therefore a tree must top the building.

Today, topping out ceremonies are held and celebrated across the world.

In Brazil, branches and leaves are attached to the building and the workforce eat, drink and dance as part of a ritual known as Fiestas da Cemieira.

In Germany, laurels are hung around the chimney of a residence to acknowledge the 'birth' of a new building and to remember those who may have died during construction so they might have eternal life.

The Danish decorate the roof of the building with evergreen garlands, and in Jordan, builders hold a religious ceremony followed by a feast.

Whatever the tradition, all stories say the evergreen symbolises positive things, good luck for future occupants, continued growth, a safe job and the celebration of an important achievement in a building's construction.

The tree selected to celebrate Campbelltown Hospital's milestone was a Eucalypt – a fitting tribute to the local region and its natural assets – and will be acknowledged with a plaque when planted on site on project completion.

