



AERIAL VIEW OF FUTURE RPA CAMPUS

The NSW Government has committed \$750 million to the redevelopment of the RPA Hospital to deliver a new hospital building and refurbishment of existing spaces. It is the biggest transformation of RPA in its 140-year history of caring for our community.

The RPA Hospital has been a respected provider in healthcare and a worldwide leader in innovation since its foundation in 1882. We maintain the philosophy that our doors are always open to those who need our help.

The NSW Government's \$750 million investment into the redevelopment of RPA will see the expansion of trusted services that will enable improved care provision for our patients and community.

What services will the redevelopment deliver?



Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units



Increased interventional and imaging services



State-of-the-art operating theatres



Expanded neonatal intensive care services



Expanded and improved adult inpatient ward accommodation




Improved public domain and services including roads, wayfinding, landscaping and information and communications technology infrastructure

Real project advancements

We've had some real project advancements on the RPA Redevelopment. Commenced in November 2022, enabling works have forged the path for the main construction works.

Barpa has been busy building infrastructure that will deliver a range of improvements to traffic movement around the campus. They are also working on refurbishments which will see the relocation of Anatomical Pathology to an expanded and enhanced space. Indigenous engagement is important to the integrated project team, and we were delighted to have a majority Indigenous-owned company, Barpa, provide these works.

Plans are underway for site sheds to be set up for CPB Contractors who have been appointed to finalise plans for RPA Hospital Redevelopment, ahead of main works commencing. We will continue to inform staff and community about upcoming impacts and all works will be well signposted with active traffic management. Find out more on the [works notifications page](#) on our [project website](#).

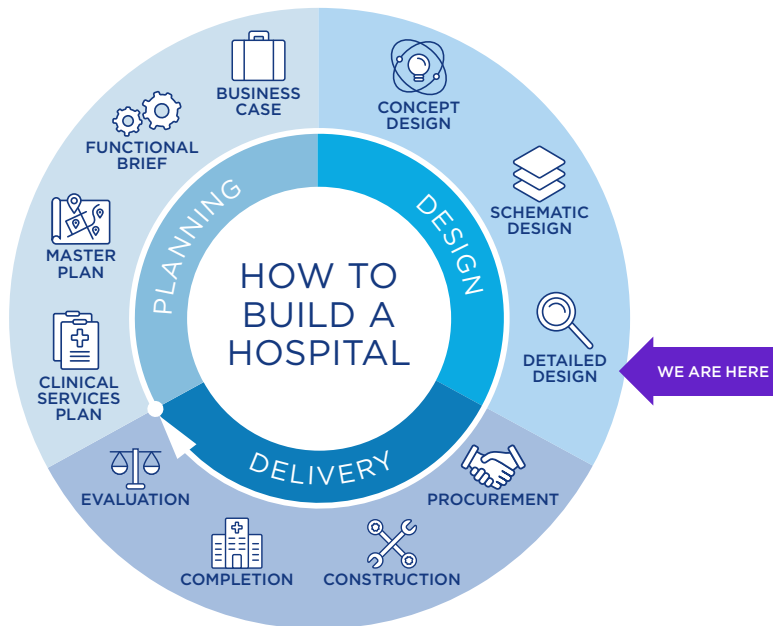
 [Read more about the exciting progress from Barpa in our special progress update fact sheet](#)

Down to the details

While enabling works continue, the project team is focused on finalising the detailed design. The final design stage before moving into main works construction, detailed design is department centred and focuses on room inclusions such as furnishing, fittings, equipment and information and communication technology.

During this phase, Health Infrastructure continues to work closely with hospital management teams, staff and patient representatives, taking on feedback to ensure the newly built hospital operates efficiently and continues to provide world-class healthcare to the community.

Read more in our [Detailed Design Fact Sheet](#) and find out about the different stages of building a hospital here.



Consultation continues on helipad relocation

We continue to consult with our community on the temporary relocation of the Helipad Landing Site (HLS). Following the first consultation in September 2022, the project team took to the streets in early May 2023, to notify and speak with RPA neighbours on the relocation plans.

The relocation will ensure the safety of patients, staff, locals and construction workers while the redevelopment is underway, and will enable the installation and use of construction tower cranes.

Due to the consultation and planning that has gone into the relocation, RPA hospital can continue its mission of world-class delivery of patient care with the support of the temporary helipad.

We aim to manage our work to reduce the impacts on the community and the environment and we thank you for your ongoing feedback, support and guidance to help shape your new hospital.



ARTIST IMPRESSION OF THE TEMPORARY HELICOPTER LANDING SITE VIEW FROM GROSE STREET



Katherine Bennett

Project Officer on the RPA Redevelopment

Katherine Bennett works for Sydney Local Health District as a Project Officer for the RPA Redevelopment. Working closely with our builders and contractors, Katherine has developed a passion for Construction Management and is now undertaking a Graduate Certificate to further her knowledge and expertise in this field.

How have you come to work in health? After graduating from my university degree, I moved to London and took a temporary role with NHS England in their Nursing Workforce team. My role turned into a full-time project role and I had such an incredible experience I thought I'd continue my career in health.

How did you become part of the redevelopment at RPA? When I returned home to Australia I was looking for work and saw a Project Officer position on the RPA Redevelopment. I was intrigued by the opportunity to work on such a significant infrastructure project, and the chance to dive into a bit of an unknown area.

What makes you proud to work on the redevelopment? The people. I get to work with such incredible and passionate people each day, who truly care about the outcomes they are providing.

What will the redevelopment mean for staff and the community? The redevelopment is providing opportunities for staff and community to work together and give us valuable feedback, which is helping inform the design of the new fit-for-purpose infrastructure. This extensive engagement work has revealed the scope within the design to really celebrate and merge RPA's rich built environment history. The enhancement and expansion of arts-in-health and Connecting with Country work will also mean the continued creation of culturally safe spaces, and welcoming environments for all.

How do you ensure staff and community are involved in shaping the future of RPA? I am lucky enough to be part of **Project User Groups and Project Working Groups**, which ensure a diverse range of voices, from staff to consumers, are able to provide feedback and advice on areas within the redevelopment. Outside of formal avenues, I love having a chat with the staff, patients and visitors I meet across the campus to let them know about the project and ways in which they can get involved.

What are you most looking forward to with the redevelopment? I'm incredibly excited to see the stakeholders' visions for their departments come to life, alongside what the arts in health work will create for our patients, staff and community.

What are three words your family and friends would use to describe you? Dedicated, Loyal and High Strung (as per my partner) .

What's your favourite song to get you pumped up for work? Nothing like Big Ol' Bag o' Boogaloo Vol. 1 to get the day started.

Last great TV show or movie you watched? I've just finished Succession, and slowly recovering from the Roy family dynamics.

If you're cooking for dinner, what will everyone be eating? It's a bad time if I am cooking dinner, however it'd be a large bowl of spaghetti aglio e olio and a fresh green salad.



HIROMI TANGO, WEAVING FOR THE NEW TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL



ARTIST PETER POULET'S MURAL FOR THE NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL



A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION ENGAGING THREE GUMBAYNGGIRR COMMUNITIES

The importance of the arts in health

The \$750 million RPA Redevelopment is progressing to the next stage of project planning, with independent arts facilitator, Michael Lynch, selected to lead the Curatorium for the Arts and Culture Strategy.

Art is an important component of the project, as it will inform the overall look and feel of the buildings while providing opportunities to explore how arts can help deliver exciting and welcoming therapeutic spaces that nurture recovery.

A Curatorium is a multi-disciplinary approach to the Arts in Health Strategy that relies on a group of different individuals and organisations to help inform the arts outcomes for the RPA Hospital Redevelopment.

With representation from across the hospital and the community, the Curatorium will involve partnerships between health services, arts organisations, and artists to develop and deliver arts programs and strategies for the new build and beyond.

Find out more about Arts in Health on our [project website](#), and learn more about the Curatorium in our [Arts Fact Sheet](#).

Community engagement

Talking to the community about what they want and need is a vital part of our planning and delivery process that complements our consultation with hospital staff clinicians and consumers.

There are many ways we work to ensure the community, staff, clinicians and consumers are informed and have opportunities to provide feedback and input into this important project. This includes community information sessions, surveys, online meetings, project displays in the hospital foyer, regular updates on our project websites, letter-box drops to our neighbours, and regular e-newsletters.

We continue to work closely with the community, staff, clinicians and consumers to share project information, updates and to ask for feedback. To see what feedback we have received, and the improvements we have made the designs, please see our Engagement Outcome Reports which documents this in detail.

Where to next?

Health Infrastructure lodged a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the \$750 million RPA Redevelopment in early 2023. This was the result of two years of detailed planning and extensive consultation with clinicians, operational staff, community members and local and state government agencies.

Following lodgement, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) publicly exhibited the State Significant Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement. The community was encouraged to review the design and make submissions with feedback.

With the exhibition period now closed, the project team is working with planning consultants to respond to submissions and submit the SSDA for the assessment period.

Once submitted, a report will be produced by DPE that recommends Conditions of Consent and following that will be approval, or determination of the application. For further detail please see our [planning fact sheet](#).

Want to find out more?

You can find out more about the redevelopment at: www.rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au.

You are also invited to send any feedback, suggestions or comments you would like to raise with the redevelopment team via the contact form on our website or by emailing: rparedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au



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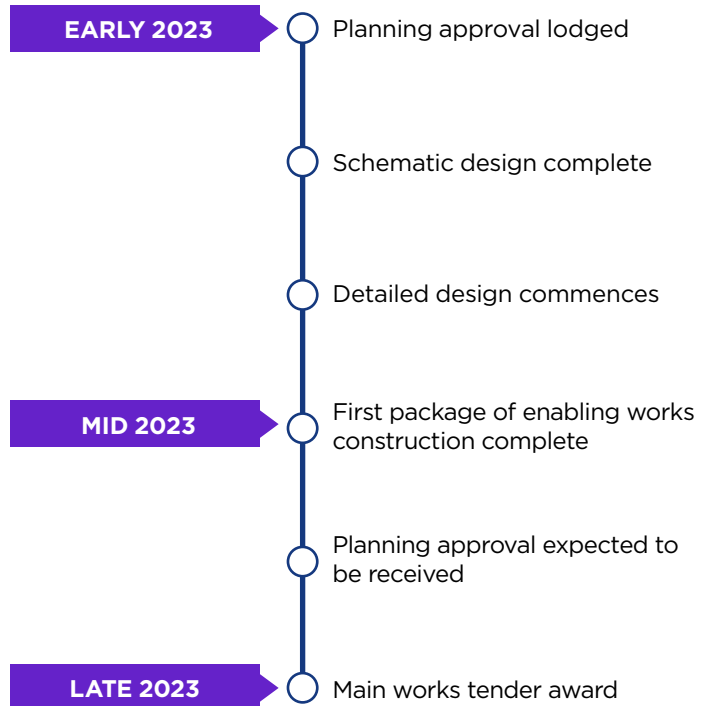


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Scoping

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EIS Preparation

Environmental
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Statement



Public Exhibition

An opportunity
for the
community
to make a
submission



Respond to Submission

Respond to
the feedback
received



Assessment

Report
produced that
recommends
conditions of
consent



Determination

Determination
of application



Post Approval

Assessment
of post
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