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Enabling works underway on \$750 million RPA redevelopment

Indigenous construction company Barpa Pty Ltd has been awarded an enabling works contract in a significant milestone for the redevelopment of the Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital.

“We welcome Barpa to the RPA Hospital campus as we continue to reach milestone upon milestone for this exciting project,” Sydney Local Health District’s Acting Chief Executive Lou-Anne Blunden said.

“Barpa is a proud and dynamic Indigenous construction company, committed to making a difference for Australia’s First Peoples. Sydney Local Health District is committed to increasing employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

“We are committed to closing the gap and our District aims to have the healthiest Aboriginal population in Australia. We are very pleased to be partnering with Barpa and Health Infrastructure on this project,” she said.

Following the announcement, Uncle Brendan Kerin from the NSW Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council led a traditional smoking ceremony which prepares the land as a safe and welcoming place for all those who are working on it.

As an Indigenous business, Barpa is committed to making a positive difference for Australia’s First Peoples and prides itself on its Indigenous employment outcomes, support of other Indigenous-owned businesses and initiatives that improve the health, wellbeing and prosperity of Indigenous Australians.

20 per cent of Barpa’s employees are Indigenous. Over the past five years, Barpa has directly spent \$25 million with Indigenous businesses and enterprises. They have also subcontracted with over 100 different Indigenous businesses who have helped them to deliver the successful project.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the redevelopment will support the world-leading services RPA provides for the 740,000 people who live in Sydney Local Health District and the more than one million people who come into the District each day to work, study and visit.

“The NSW Government’s \$750 million investment in RPA will deliver state-of-the-art health facilities to the local community now and into the future,” Mr Hazzard said.

“This major investment will deliver an enhanced and expanded emergency department and Intensive Care Unit, as well as medical imaging, operating theatres, maternity, birthing and neonatal areas, and additional inpatient beds.”

Following on from the release on the Concept Designs recently (August 2022), these enabling works will commence in the coming weeks and encompass road works, landscaping, and relocation of hospital services to prepare the site for construction. To ensure minimal impact to hospital operations, pedestrian access and traffic, enabling works for the RPA Redevelopment are being completed in stages and follows on from the recent relocation of the Kidney Dialysis centre.

The enabling works are on track to be completed in mid-2023 and will take place concurrently to the planning progressing on the \$750 million investment with plans lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment via a State Significant Development Application by the end of the year.

Delivered by Health Infrastructure, in partnership with Sydney Local Health District, RPA redevelopment will deliver the biggest transformation in the hospital’s 140- year history of caring for the community.

To find out more information about the project visit the RPA project website:
www.rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au

Construction is also underway on a RPA HealthOne at Green Square, which will deliver a range of services focused on early intervention, health promotion and prevention including services that would traditionally be provided in a hospital setting at RPA.

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