



Ready for take-off...

Thank you message from the General Manager

As we look back at 2023, it's an opportunity to reflect on the significant milestones we have achieved for the RPA Hospital Redevelopment.



Kiel Harvey,
General Manager,
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

We started the year with the unveiling of the new designs, and we will finish with work around the campus well and truly under way. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for all your input and hard work. Over the past year, our team has accomplished so much.

Three words best define 2023: Collaboration, planning and progress!

The past 12 months have been a whirlwind of activity. Concrete floors have been poured, the link bridge reconfigured, and the Tissue Pathology & Diagnostic Oncology Department refurbishment works completed with that team's move into its new purpose-built space. Work has also started on the temporary relocation of the helicopter landing site.

With 2023 under our belt, we are ready for take-off and 2024 will be even busier and more exciting. The close of this year marks a transition to main works commencing. In the coming months, as work continues onsite, we eagerly anticipate the awarding of the main works construction contract.

Our staff members have played a major role in ensuring the project's collective success. The redevelopment is a highly complex project requiring collaborative stakeholder engagement and carefully considered logistics. Every step forward is a testament to the hard work and collaboration of all involved. I'm personally very proud of this achievement. I would like to thank our Health Infrastructure team, our builders CPB, and our architects and consultants for such a great collaboration.

I would like to thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm. I hope you all have a safe festive season and a happy new year. I look forward to 2024 and seeing the redevelopment continue to evolve. Together, we are shaping a healthier, brighter future for the people of NSW.

Our achievements

State Significant development Application (SSDA)

In February 2023 new designs were unveiled showcasing the state-of-the-art RPA Hospital, with a new 15-storey tower at the centrepiece of what is the most significant redevelopment in the hospital's proud 140-year history.

The bright, contemporary design of the new tower will seamlessly connect to the existing hospital campus and includes a new northern entry from Johns Hopkins Drive that will improve access for the community.

Staff were excited to see the striking new designs and an animated flythrough of the redevelopment, which will support millions of health workers, patients and their families in the years ahead.

Planning for the project progressed, with the final State Significant Development Application submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and placed on public exhibition for the community to have their say.



TERESA ANDERSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, SLHD

Arts Curatorium

Incorporating the arts into both the project itself, and continuing after its completion, is a key goal of the RPA redevelopment. Prioritising arts in health will help inform the overall look and feel of the buildings and provide opportunities to deliver exciting and welcoming therapeutic spaces and programs that nurture recovery.

Through extensive consultation with the Sydney Local Health District executives, subject matter experts, and the project and design team, the RPA Redevelopment Arts Curatorium commenced this year. The role of the Curatorium was to coordinate, lead and facilitate the development of a strategy for the arts that would enable improved health outcomes across a range of cultural experiences and clinical areas.

The arts form an important facet of the RPA Hospital Redevelopment planning. From permanent art installations to time- or program-based activities, the strategy will complement the existing arts program at RPA Hospital and further enhance the wellbeing of staff, patients, visitors and the community.



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

Temporary Helicopter Landing Site establishment

As part of the redevelopment, RPA's helicopter landing site (HLS) is being temporarily relocated. The temporary HLS will be located on the roof of the Staff and Visitor Car Park off Hospital Road and Grose Street, south of the Queen Mary Building, and is expected to operate for up to 24 months.

HLS construction works began in October 2023 following a consultation period involving briefings, doorknocks and letterbox drops. The project is dedicated to keeping the community and neighbours informed and involved and will continue to do so as works get under way.

You can find out more in our [Temporary Helicopter Landing Site Fact Sheet](#) and [FAQs](#).

Planning approval

The development application for the \$940 million redevelopment of RPA was approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in September 2023.

The approval marked a major milestone for the project and enabled site preparation works to commence ahead of main works construction. These works include the temporary relocation of the helicopter landing site to ensure RPA can continue to provide world-class health care to the community with no impacts to service during the construction phase.

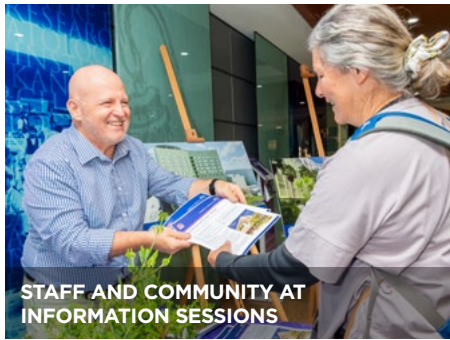
Celebrated on-site with a smoking ceremony and sod turn, the event marked the start of a significant chapter for the project. It was a celebration of our commitment to expanding our capacity to better serve the growing health care needs of our community.



SMOKING CEREMONY, RPA HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT



SOD TURN, RPA HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT



STAFF AND COMMUNITY AT INFORMATION SESSIONS



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Awarding of early contractor involvement and start of works

CPB Contractors were engaged in January 2023 following a competitive tender process to finalise the design for the redevelopment, while continuing to work closely with RPA clinicians, patients, families and community members.

CPB progressed the planning and design for the redevelopment works throughout 2023. Works have started across the campus with the main focus being the temporary helicopter landing site on the western campus.

Site establishment, tree pruning and removal, and building demolition has begun on Lambie Dew Drive to establish the site for the new 15-storey clinical services building. You can find out more in the [Landscaping Fact Sheet](#) and [Heritage Fact Sheet](#) on our project website.

As construction activities across the campus increase, we will continue to keep you informed through [works notices](#) on the [project website](#) and updates to our [interactive map](#). Make sure you [subscribe](#) to our regular project updates to keep yourself informed on all things RPA.



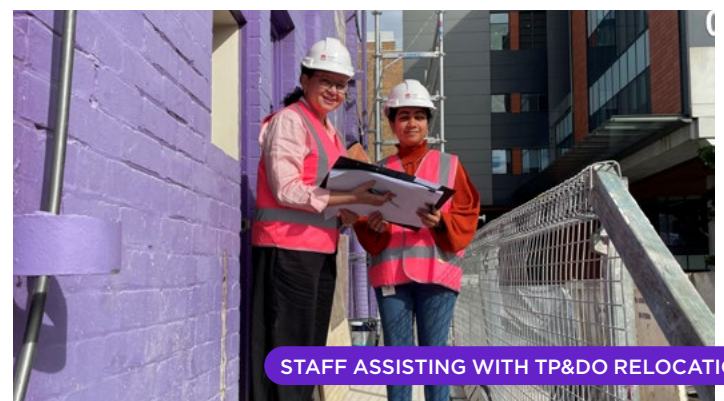
WORKS UNDERWAY ON LAMBIE DEW DRIVE

Tissue Pathology & Diagnostic Oncology move

In October 2023 a comprehensive refurbishment was completed on a purpose-built space for the Tissue Pathology & Diagnostic Oncology Department (TP&DO). The expanded and enhanced department has been fitted out with additional equipment and provides space for the integration of the Cytology Department.

The new department has additional dissection benches, a new cool room, increased major medical equipment, and laboratory specific systems and services, providing staff with the state-of-the-art tools and equipment they need to meet the needs of a growing population.

The new world-class laboratory will enable staff to process samples and specimens at a greater rate, helping reduce diagnostic timeframes. The department is crucial in determining the cause and effect of diseases and assisting with the prognosis and treatment of patients.



STAFF ASSISTING WITH TP&DO RELOCATION

Our team

The RPA Hospital redevelopment is being delivered by Health Infrastructure in collaboration with the Sydney Local Health District.

The redevelopment is strengthened by an integrated project team, formed across a range of specialities including clinical and health planning, architecture, design, heritage, transport and traffic, sustainability and environment, communications and engagement, engineering and construction. These specialists are working together to deliver the best possible outcomes for patients, staff and the community.

We will continue to showcase members of the team helping to shape the redevelopment. We hope you enjoy learning more about the people behind the scenes.

[Link to meet our people.](#)



THE RPA REDEVELOPMENT INTEGRATED PROJECT TEAM

Looking forward

2024 will be a busy year for the project.

It's important that health services at RPA meet the needs of the people who use them, both now and into the future. The only way to achieve that is through regular, transparent engagement between the redevelopment team, the health staff who work at RPA and the community members who rely on the hospital for their care.

We will continue to work closely with our valued stakeholders to keep you informed every step of the way. Thank you for your patience as we bring this important project to life.



ARTIST IMPRESSION OF THE RPA HOSPITAL

Want to find out more?

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

Or find fact sheets with more information about each of these achievements from 2023 below.

-  [Concept Design Fact sheet](#)
-  [Design Competition Fact sheet](#)
-  [Helipad Relocation Fact sheet](#)
-  [Enabling Works Fact sheet](#)
-  [Connecting with Country Fact Sheet](#)
-  [Schematic Design Fact sheet](#)
-  [Schematic Design User Groups Fact sheet](#)

You are also invited to send any feedback, suggestions or comments to the redevelopment team via email at HI-RPARedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au or phone (02) 9978 5901.

How can I contact the project team?

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team at the details below.

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