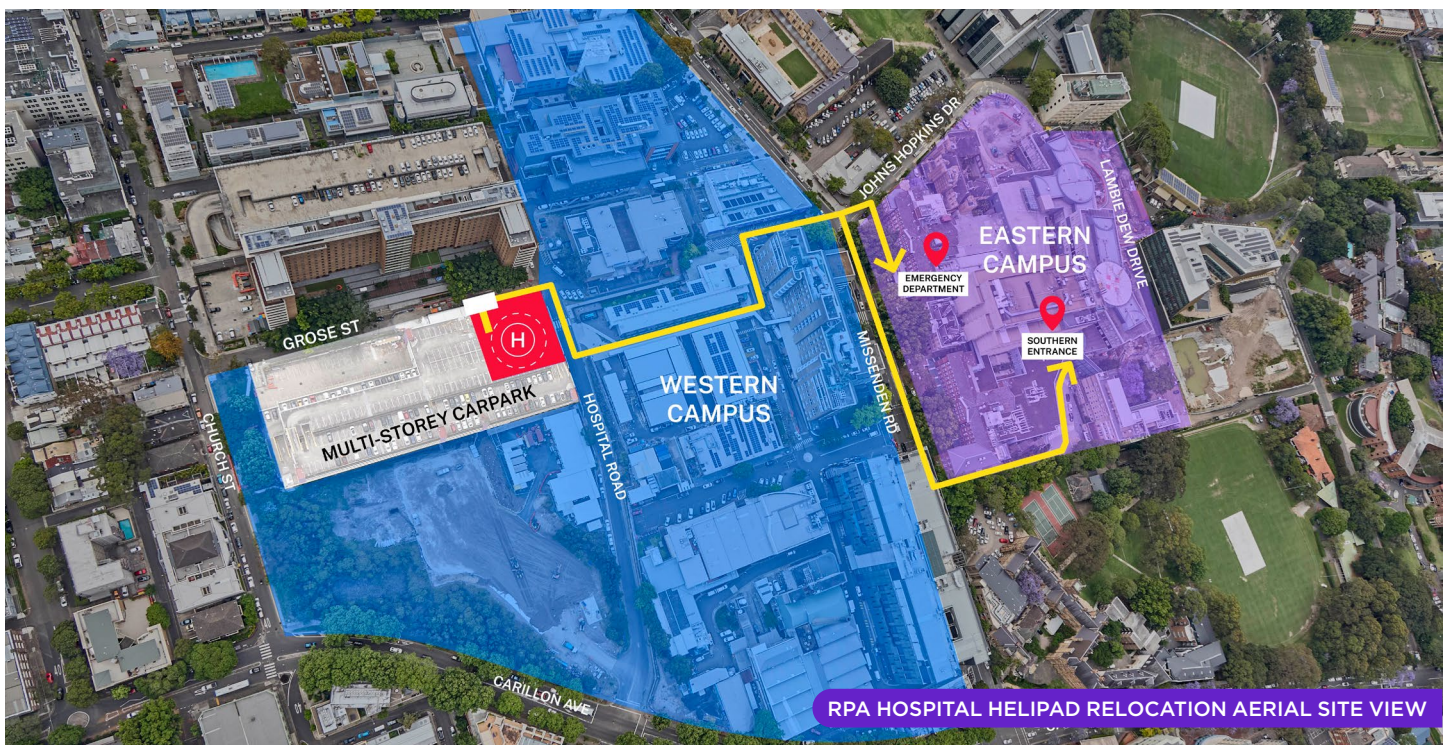# Temporary helicopter landing site completion

The helipad at RPA Hospital is being temporarily relocated to the roof of the Staff and Visitor Car Park located on the corner of Hospital Road and Grose Street. Works are scheduled to be completed in November 2024, with the temporary helicopter landing site (HLS) expected to be operational in December 2024.

RPA HOSPITAL HELIPAD RELOCATION AERIAL SITE VIEW

What to expect

Test flights

To finalise construction activity, test flights are scheduled to be carried out in November 2024. During the test flights, a helicopter will arrive and depart from various directions based on both wind conditions and air traffic clearances. Dates for the test flights and completion of the HLS are dependent on power being connected, which has been impacted by the industrial action by the Electrical Trades Union against Ausgrid.

Helicopter activity

Data on helicopter activity at RPA Hospital indicates that we should expect a minimum of 10 landings per month.

Helicopter landings and take-offs will occur at various times throughout the day and night. While we aim to limit disturbances, nearby residents will experience some noise associated with helicopter movements.

All helicopter operations adhere to strict safety protocols to ensure the wellbeing of patients and community members. The HLS is equipped with proper lighting and safety measures for efficient and safe landings.

The temporary helicopter landing site has two dedicated ambulance bays on Grose Street. You may notice emergency vehicle activity near the HLS during landings and we encourage patience and caution in these areas.

Patient journey

Following a helicopter arrival, each patient will be taken via newly installed lifts to a waiting ambulance on Grose Street. The ambulance will then take the patient to the RPA Hospital east campus for treatment via the travel path indicated on the above map.

Traffic management

Parking attendants and RPA Hospital security officers will manage traffic during helicopter arrivals and departures. Pedestrians and drivers may be required to wait or use an alternative route at these times. Following helicopter departures, a security officer will secure the landing area and traffic can continue as usual. Signage will be installed across the RPA Hospital campus to notify people that the area is within a helicopter zone.

Monitoring litter and debris

In addition to managing pedestrians, the RPA Security team will regularly patrol the landing site for security purposes and to monitor litter and debris.

Maintenance and protective works

For improved safety and helicopter operations, a range of maintenance and protective works have commenced in the vicinity of the RPA Hospital Staff and Visitor Car Park to prepare the area for helicopter landings. Works include:

- Excavation and flattening of earth in the vacant land adjacent to the car park
- Removal of existing vegetation
- Installation of construction banner mesh
- Spray sealing the surface

Timeline

OCTOBER 2024
- Maintenance and protective works on the land adjacent to the car park
- High speed lifts commissioned
- Briefings with neighbouring stakeholders

NOVEMBER 2024
- Test flights expected to occur
- Construction activities completed
- Operational commissioning activities

DECEMBER 2024
- Temporary HLS expected to go live

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What services will the development deliver?

This is the most significant investment in RPA's 140-year history to support the world-leading services provided at RPA for the 740,000 people who live in Sydney Local Health District and the more than 1 million people who come into the District each day to work, study and visit.

When complete, the RPA Redevelopment will deliver:

- Expanded and enhanced Emergency Department and Intensive Care Units
- State-of-the-art operating theatres
- Expanded and improved adult inpatient accommodation
- Increased interventional and imaging services
- Expanded neonatology services
- Facilities and capabilities for integrated research, education and training
- Improved public domain and services including roads, wayfinding, landscaping and information and communications technology infrastructure

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