

Planning approval received

Major construction is underway on the \$940 million redevelopment of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA), following approval of the development application by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

Premier Chris Minns, Health Minister Ryan Park and Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully joined health workers at the site on Thursday 19 October 2023 for a traditional sod turn event to mark the important milestone.

“This major investment will enhance access to vital health services including construction of a new 15-storey clinical services building, an expanded emergency department and Intensive Care Unit, more inpatient beds, as well as medical imaging, operating theatres and neonatal areas,” Health Minister Ryan Park said.

The redevelopment will include an expanded emergency department and Intensive Care Unit, more inpatient beds, as well as enhancements to medical imaging, operating theatres, maternity, birthing and neonatal areas.

Find out more about planning approval in our [Fact Sheet](#).



Smoking ceremony

The sod turn event also included a smoking ceremony. Uncle Brendan Kerin from the NSW Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council conducted a traditional smoking ceremony in preparation for the commencement of major works. Traditional smoking ceremonies have been performed by Aboriginal people for tens of thousands of years as a way to cleanse and connect with the land, and ward off bad spirits.



A bright future for RPA

This is the most significant redevelopment in the hospital's proud 140-year history. RPA is one of Australia's leading hospitals, renowned for its excellence in providing innovative health care and education for the 740,000 people who live in the Local Health District, and the more than one million people who work or visit the District daily, including patients, visitors and students.

It is an investment in our future to ensure the growing population has access to the highest quality health care for years to come.

The redevelopment will support millions of health workers, patients and their families in the years ahead, with the expansion providing opportunity to build on the world-class services already provided to the people of Sydney and NSW.

Landscape and heritage works

To prepare the site for works to commence there will be tree removal and building demolition works occurring. Every effort is being made to minimise impact on existing buildings, however the former Tissue Pathology and Diagnostic Oncology building, the RPA Chapel, and the rear gardens on Lambie Dew Drive will be removed.

To help inform decisions around tree removal, an extensive environmental impact assessment was conducted to evaluate the project's possible impacts on the local ecology. To mitigate the impact of tree removal, we have incorporated a comprehensive replanting strategy which includes the planting of new trees within the project area and the surrounding area.

The removal of trees provides opportunity to reimagine the campus landscaping and ensure inclusion of flora that is indigenous to the land on which the hospital is built. The heritage and landscape interpretation strategy has been thoughtfully considered to respect RPA's heritage, Connect with Country, replace significant plantings and maximise tree canopy where appropriate.

Learn more in the [Heritage Fact Sheet](#) and the [Landscaping Fact Sheet](#).



CPB Contractors Works: Site establishment

As part of Early Contractor Involvement, CPB has commenced site establishment on Lambie Dew Drive, Grose Street and Hospital Road.

Staff, patients and visitors may notice an increase in activity and changes to the hospital campus as construction activities ramp up.

The works will include set-up of dedicated site sheds and preparatory works for the temporary helicopter landing site.

The health and safety of staff and the local community is our main priority and we are committed to minimising the impact of our works. We endeavour to keep noise, dust and vibration to a minimum.

Find out more in the [Works Notifications](#) available on our [project website](#).

Stay up to date on the redevelopment by subscribing to our project updates at rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au/subscribe and by visiting the project website rparedevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au for more information.



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