



Welcome to the third edition of your 'Welcome Home' newsletter.

These newsletters are designed to inform staff and volunteers of the work being undertaken to ensure a safe and successful transition to our new Joan Kirner Women's and Children's Hospital.

#### **What stage is the build at?**

The building is planned to be completed in March 2019, with the project reaching a significant milestone of two million hours of work by the end of July! The focus on site has shifted to fit-out activities with subcontractors working into the late evening and weekends. The facade panel installation has been substantially completed and our new building is starting to look very bright and colourful!



Internally, things are starting to take shape with plaster and panelling installation. This image below shows the timber feature wall which spans across the ground and first floor.



Our fortnightly site visits are proving to be very popular and are heavily booked until November. We look forward to providing more opportunities for staff to book in for a tour as the site becomes more accessible.

Equipment selection is providing opportunities for staff to review current practices and to think about working differently. An example of this has been the selection of a high level photonic disinfection system which is chemical free and requires no consumables. This will reduce the turnaround for cleaning ultrasound probes from a ten minute to a ninety second cleaning process and will reduce ongoing operational costs.

The Health Support Services team have taken ownership of newly commissioned areas in the loading dock at Sunshine and have vacated spaces for the second stage of works to provide segregation of clean and dirty linen and waste areas to support the increased demand from JKWCH. Thank-you to those involved who continue to provide a fantastic service amongst the disruptions caused by the loading dock building works.

Planning for a new food model in the JKWCH is well underway. The model will provide patients with an a la carte selection of approximately 20 meals for lunch and dinner, providing greater choice and flexibility. Breakfast will be a buffet model with the option to be served on a meal tray at the bedside if required. This is an exciting development for both food services and our patients!

Thank-you for your continued efforts to ensure a safe and successful transition to our new JKWCH.

Regards

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