



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

Work continues to progress 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 build remains on track, aimed for completion in March 2019. Fit out is progressing across all levels of the building concurrently. The installation of wood panelling on the walls and sheeting of the ceiling on the ground floor is allowing people attending site tours to appreciate both the scale and the planned interior finishes for the building. Ongoing selection and trials of equipment continue and commissioning, orientation and transition plans are being developed. Refurbishment works are on track in the basement to support the new building.



Western Health Biomedical Engineers enjoyed exploring the new facilities on a recent familiarisation tour

What planning is being done?

In addition to committees and working groups highlighted in previous editions, there are numerous key projects and initiatives underway to support Best Care in the new building.

Planning for the establishment of a **JKWCH satellite pharmacy** on the ground floor is underway. This model will provide all medication needs to women and children, enabling pharmacists to deliver excellent clinical pharmacy care. Supporting the satellite pharmacy is the installation of an optimal medication **refrigeration bank**. Medication refrigeration requirements are growing and the bank will allow enough storage space to ensure medications can be provided in an appropriate, timely and safe manner. In addition, this will provide a safe and comfortable working environment to staff in the area by reducing noise and heat compared to standalone refrigerators.

The development of an **integrated obstetric ultrasound service** for patients in the new JKWCH is well underway. The opportunity to collaborate and integrate what has historically been two separate services, will deliver a seamless experience for pregnant women in the new building. Women's & Children's in partnership with Medical Imaging have commenced work on the establishment of a new model of care which aims to increase workforce capability, whilst providing true coordinated care for our patients.



Staff from our 'Obstetric Ultrasound Service' look forward to providing a streamlined experience for pregnant women in the JKWCH

78 staff and volunteers attended the inaugural '**Welcome Home Communications Champions**' briefing session this month. These voluntary roles present an exciting opportunity to actively support a safe and successful transition to the new JKWCH. The purposes of the communication champions are to ensure staff, volunteers, patients and their families feel informed, reassured and prepared as we work towards and achieve a safe and successful transition. Look out for the communications champions wearing their green badges!



The staff and volunteers communication champions enjoying a shared morning tea at their briefing session this month

Your ongoing commitment and enthusiasm to ensure a safe and successful transition to our new JKWCH is greatly appreciated.

Regards

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