



Welcome to the second edition of the Welcome Home newsletter!

We aim to communicate the latest information on the progress of our new Joan Kirner Women's and Children's Hospital (JKWCH) in addition to the significant amount of work being undertaken to support clinical planning and operational readiness.



Sunrise over JKWCH construction

Erin Casey (JKWCH Operational Support Manager) snapped a great photo at sunrise recently which captures both the progress of our new building but also the lovely views our patients, their families and our staff and volunteers will soon be enjoying.

What stage is the build at?

There are approximately 245 construction workers on site daily. At the end of the month the Engineers installing the lifts will be joined by plasterers and electricians on the night shift. Colour is progressively appearing on the external cladding and the installation of windows is progressing. The first coat of paint is being applied on some internal walls and floor coverings are in place in clinic rooms on the ground floor. Works have commenced in the Sunshine Hospital basement and on the dock way to ensure Health Support Services have facilities that will cope with the extra demands JKWCH will put on their services. Equipment trials are underway, with more than 150 different types of equipment being purchased for the new building.

I recently led our first '**Familiarisation Walk**' accompanied by a number of fellow members of the Executive team, Divisional Directors and the Clinical Services Director for Women's and Children's. You can visit the Western Health Facebook page (@westernhealthau) to see a brief, informal video inside the building. I was impressed with the quality and scale of the space that will be available for our women and families, including the waiting areas. The building is progressing quickly now, and it was fascinating to see how the spaces will look and feel, in particular the ease of connection with key clinical areas in the main building.

You may be interested to know that the JKWCH is one of the highest buildings in the Western suburbs and is a visible landmark from the city, putting Sunshine Hospital on the map!

We aim to schedule familiarisation walks fortnightly. These are limited to 10 people at a time and we will endeavour to initially offer these to staff who hold planning responsibilities for services moving into JKWCH and those whose areas will support the transition. As the site becomes safer, the opportunities to visit will increase. If you feel you have a need for a site visit, please contact sue.valentine@wh.org.au.



The photo above is of the architects visiting the factory that is making the joinery for JKWCH. They are standing in the reception desk under construction for the ground floor.

How is the planning being done?

There are three key arms to project readiness - all of which report through to the JKWCH Super Users group – they are:

1. Clinical operational readiness and move
2. Facilities and logistics
3. Build and commissioning

The '**JKWCH Clinical Operational Readiness and Move' (JCORM) Committee** and their sub-committees are meeting regularly to lead and oversee all clinical operational requirements. Other working groups have also been established to develop future models of care, ensuring best care for women, babies, children and their families of the West.

There are also some key pieces of work being led organisationally to support '**Clinical Deterioration and Emergency Response**', '**Emergency Patient Access**' as well as '**Workforce**' which will focus on supporting appropriate workforce numbers and skill mix for our new hospital and beyond. Information gleaned from the Change Readiness Survey, completed by more than 500 staff and volunteers, has assisted in developing risk and action registers and targeted communication and education strategies to address specific concerns and gaps. Opportunities to increase staff and volunteer awareness of roles; access to relevant information; as well as confidence in the move; were also identified. Further surveys will be undertaken in October and March.

Regards

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