

## HAPPENINGS IN YOUR HOSPITAL

**At Caulfield Hospital, we want to keep you informed of what's happening with the redevelopment of our site and services.**

Following on from our communication to you in September last year, we are pleased to advise that Stage I of Caulfield Hospital's redevelopment - the Logistics Building - was completed in April 2008 and was officially opened by the Minister for Health, the Hon. Daniel Andrews on Wednesday 18 June 2008.

As you may recall, the Logistics Building was constructed to house the Support Services of the hospital including a new kitchen, engineering, stores, mortuary, plant and the Victorian Aids and Equipment Program at a total cost of \$23.5m funded in the 2006/07 State Budget.

Part of Stage I works also includes the demolition of the building previously occupied by the engineering department, located on the far south-east corner of the site. This area of land is currently being leveled and will be resurfaced and line marked for additional car parking spaces. All demolition works are being carried out by licensed contractors and all works are undertaken in compliance with Australian Standard and Occupational Health and Safety regulations and guidelines.

Within this new car parking area, there will be space for a new horizontal oxygen cylinder which is being relocated from the east side of the site. The cylinder will be 2.8 metres high and will be fully screened behind a louvre fence. However, this cylinder is not available for six months and so a temporary vertical cylinder is being provided in the interim. This temporary cylinder will stand at a height of approximately 4 metres. As soon as the permanent cylinder is available, it will be installed in place of this vertical cylinder.

Stage II of the hospital's redevelopment is funded from the 2007/08 Stage Budget at a cost of \$28m. This stage comprises some construction but mainly refurbishment of current buildings to provide new allied health and therapy areas, more therapy gyms and expanded consulting suites. It is expected that works will begin in August, with Stage II to be completed by the end of 2009.

Pending the final costs (tenders have recently closed), we may also construct a linkway from the Logistics Building to the main Ward Building, a laundry for our residential care services and undertake some demolition work of buildings

no longer in use. In turn, this will prepare us for Stage III which is the remaining redevelopment required to provide services consistent with today's standards. This final stage (pending funding) will provide for new wards, refurbishment of (former) ward space as office and non-clinical areas, demolition of unused buildings and the creation of a new entrance to the hospital (as the wards will be in their new position). The business case for Stage III is currently underway and will be completed later this year for consideration in the State Government's 2009/10 capital allocations. When Stage III is approved, we will hold a further public information forum so that all local residents can be properly updated on the plans for the final stage(s).

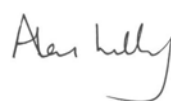
In the meantime, we continue to work closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Glen Eira to do all we can to minimise any inconvenience to our neighbours. All construction traffic will continue to access the site directly via Kooyong Road and construction will not commence until 7am each day, as per the building guidelines set down by the EPA.

As I am sure you will understand, we are really pleased that the hospital, which has some very old buildings, is being re-developed for the benefit of our patients and residents in our care.

We also greatly appreciate the patience of our neighbours during this construction and urge you, if you have any queries, to call our Capital Works Manager, Marion Ratcliffe on 9076 6618. We do like the opportunity to address issues directly with residents of the neighbourhood so please do not hesitate to contact Marion with any queries whatsoever.

Copies of this update are also available on our website: [www.cgmc.org.au/about\\_cgmc](http://www.cgmc.org.au/about_cgmc).

Kind regards



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