

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.

I am pleased to advise that Stage II of Caulfield Hospital's redevelopment is underway. We have instigated an "early works" package for internal demolition works and await final approval from the Department of Human Services to commence with Stage II works in full.

As reported in our last update to you, the Logistics Building, was completed in May 2008 and houses the Support Services of the hospital including a new kitchen, engineering, stores, mortuary, plant and Victorian Aids and Equipment Program. These works, costing \$23.5M, were funded in the 2006/07 State Budget. The Logistics Building was formally opened by the Minister for Health Daniel Andrews in July 2008.

Part of Stage I works also included 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 has been resurfaced and line marked for additional car parking spaces. A new path has also been constructed from the car park to the gate leading through to Murray Street.

Within the car park, the new enclosure for the oxygen cylinder is complete, with the temporary vertical tank in place. The permanent horizontal tank is scheduled to be installed in early 2009.

Stage II of the hospital's redevelopment is funded from the 2007/08 Stage Budget at a cost of \$28m. Following a competitive tender process, the scope of works has been revised to ensure costs are within budget. This stage comprises construction of new therapy gyms, refurbishment of the old kitchen area for allied health therapy and refurbishment of the old theatres for consulting areas.

It is expected that works will commence in full in January 2009 and be completed in mid to late 2010.

In anticipation for the next round of State Government budget announcements in May 2009, a Business Case has been submitted for funding for Stage III of the hospital's redevelopment. This includes five options ranging in cost from \$10M to \$139M. Naturally, Caulfield Hospital is in "competition" with other state hospitals for funding but we

are hopeful that our latest submission will be successful.

We continue to work closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Glen Eira to do all we can to minimize 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.

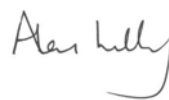
We are really pleased that the hospital, which has some very old buildings, is being redeveloped for the benefit of our patients. We appreciate the patience of our neighbours during this construction.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Capital Works Manager Marion Ratcliffe on 9076 6618.

Copies of this update are also available on our website: www.caulfieldhospital.org.au/about_caulfield_hospital.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year and healthy 2009. I look forward to keeping you informed of our progress throughout the year.

Kind regards



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