

# Media Release

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## All systems go as St George Hospital redevelopment works begin

Patients are set to benefit from new state-of-the art facilities at St George Hospital with the commencement of building works at the Belgrave Street, Kogarah entrance to the Hospital.

Due to these building works, pedestrian access from Belgrave Street to St George Hospital is restricted until mid 2013.

During this time alternate access to St George Hospital will be via the Prince William Wing (off Belgrave Street) and the main Hospital entrance (off Gray Street).

To assist visitors and patients with directions, site maps will be available from the Enquiries desk located in the Gray Street foyer of the Hospital, and the Volunteers Booth located in Belgrave Street.

Cath Whitehurst, Director of Operations, St George and Sutherland Hospitals said the essential early works component of the new \$35.5 million Emergency Department includes construction of a new Services Centre.

“This will house essential services such as Linen Services, Engineering and Waste Management. The relocation of the Services Centre from its previous location to the Belgrave Street entrance will make way for the Hospital’s new Emergency Department,” Ms Whitehurst said.

“The new Emergency Department will be a significant boost for St George Hospital, which has one of the busiest emergency departments in NSW.

“The Emergency Department currently treats more than 62,900 patients and admits around 22,000 patients each year. It will provide increased capacity, a greater range of services and improved facilities for patients,” she said.

Completion of early works (the Services Centre) is due by the end of 2012. The contract award for the main Emergency Department will be announced at the end of 2012.

Additionally, demolition is now in progress ready for the construction of a new \$8 million specialist Mental Health Unit for Older People. This facility will provide a 16-bed Unit for assessment and recovery based treatment for people aged 65 years and older requiring sub-acute mental health care.

Completion of the Mental Health Unit for Older People is due late 2013.

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