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LOCAL SCHOOL GIRL FAREWELLS HER 'CAPTAIN HOOK' CRANE

Five-year-old Ava McLean visited the site of the new St George Hospital Acute Services Building to farewell the 70-metre crane she named "Captain Hook," which signals the final stages of the \$277 million hospital redevelopment.

Ava, who now attends Woollooware Public School, won the Name the Crane competition held in April last year to give the 50-tonne crane its moniker. Since then, Captain Hook has lifted tonnes of formwork and other materials, helping construction crews fast-track delivery of the nine-storey Acute Services Building (ASB) by six months.

The crane is due to be dismantled next week (5 August) and the ASB is due for completion later this year.

The ASB is the centrepiece of the St George Hospital redevelopment. Constructed above the \$41 million emergency department, the ASB includes a new integrated intensive care unit, an additional 128 inpatient unit beds, eight digital operating theatres and a new roof top helipad.

When the crane was installed, Health Infrastructure and construction partner Multiplex launched a Name the Crane competition to engage the local community, particularly children. Ava's winning name was chosen from 36 entries received from patients and kids who attend the adjacent Lorikeet Childcare Centre.

"It's got a hook and I thought it looked like a ship," Ava said about her inspiration for the winning name.

Ava is sad to see Captain Hook go. She also said she wants to work at the hospital and "fix people's bodies", just like her mother, Jennifer, who is a nurse at St George Hospital.

"I want to work here and I can get to help another kid name a crane," Ava concluded.

The St George Hospital Redevelopment also involves a two floor extension to the Gray St multi-deck car park and renovations to the existing hospital, delivering a modern health facility for the residents of the greater St George region.

More information on the redevelopment can be found at:
<http://www.stgeorgehospitalredev.health.nsw.gov.au>

Attached photo: Ava McLean with Multiplex Site Manager, Jason Cotter, farewelling Captain Hook.