

Vision workshop explores the future for New Bankstown Hospital

More than 60 staff members joined the vision workshop for the New Bankstown Hospital recently, armed with post-it notes and hundreds of ideas for how we could shape our new hospital facilities.

The vision workshop is part of a series of engagement activities, including user groups and community consultation, which will help architects and planners create the initial concept for the new hospital.



Christian Hampson from Yerrabingin (pictured with redevelopment director Jennifer Assaf) presented on Connecting with Country and how Indigenous design thinking can help everyone feel welcome.



Great ideas: Linda Campbell DON&M with Kathleen Brennan from ICU in the group break-out session.

“The vision workshop was an opportunity for staff to come to us with their ideas about what makes us unique, what we want to see in a new hospital, and how we can introduce that into our design,” explained project director Jennifer Assaf.

“The half-day session encouraged staff to explore opportunities to create a welcoming and lively new hospital which celebrates Bankstown while delivering world-class healthcare.”

The group considered a range of issues including sustainability, designing for well-being and dignity, Connecting with Country and community, creating neighbourhoods, delivering efficient and flexible care, and how we can harness emerging technologies to deliver a truly digital hospital.

Presentations included case studies from Australia and around the world, using Indigenous design thinking in our Connecting with Country approach, and principles for great hospital design.

“We looked at Humber River Hospital in Canada, Footscray Hospital and the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, and staff particularly loved the natural light, green spaces, patient-centred approach, technological innovation, art, and sense of connection in the new facilities,” Jennifer said.

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Diversity, community, culture, family and food were also strong themes, with workshop participants expressing the need to consider and represent those elements in the hospital design.

“The rich diversity of our community is one of the defining features of south western Sydney, so when we’re planning, we need to be mindful of how people live, how they see healthcare, and how we build that into the project,” said general manager Peter Rophail.

With planning and design set to continue for the next 12 to 18 months, and project user groups underway, Peter encouraged staff to have their say.

“This will be something that our community can take pride in, and I encourage all staff to be advocates and have a strong voice as we progress the hospital planning.”

Information from the workshop will be combined with input from more than 100 staff in more than 30 project user groups and working groups to develop a concept for the new hospital.



This page from top: Workshop break-out session group; Corporate Services Director Donna Worrall with her team’s presentation on digital transformation; a snapshot of Tatum Kenna’s graphic recording from the day; team breakout session.



Note: Our workshop was conducted under COVID-safe conditions and complied with health directives.

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This page from top: NBH Redevelopment Project Director Jennifer Assaf, Health Infrastructure Executive Director Bruno Zinghini, SWSLHD Chief Executive Amanda Larkin and Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital General Manager Peter Rophail at the workshop; Jenny Morris presents group findings; Tatum Kenna visually recording the workshop; Justin Duggan from Primary & Community Health.



Expressions of interest for Arts in Health and Sustainability Working Groups

We're looking for staff to join our new working groups. No experience necessary, just an interest in the area, and an enthusiastic desire to collaborate with the team.

Are you interested in arts, culture and heritage, and making the new hospital a welcoming place which enhances well-being? [Click here](#) to express your interest in the Arts in Health Working Group.

Maybe sustainability is interesting to you and you'd like to be part of a working group helping to design the hospital of the future? [Click here](#) for the Sustainability Working Group.

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