

## First things first: Design Jam brings together Aboriginal perspectives

'If we care for Country, it will care for us' was the starting point for our recent Design Jam - a bringing together of Aboriginal perspectives and planning know-how to shape a genuinely welcoming place for everyone.

"We love having all the uncles and aunts and community members here, sharing their ideas," said Christian Hampson, chief executive of Yerrabingin, who facilitated the day.

More than 20 Elders and community members joined us on the day to generously share their knowledge.

Staff member Melinda Dumas said it was important for Aboriginal people who live and work in the Bankstown community to be represented.

"Creating a space where we can feel culturally safe and recognised is important," Melinda said.

"Whether that's artworks or the shape and feel of spaces, it just gives you time to connect and feel rejuvenated.

"That's what I'd like to see."

Our workshop took place on Cabrogal/Darug Country. See the video of the workshop [https://newbankstownhospital.health.nsw.gov.au/news/news/2022\\_06/a-place-of-welcome](https://newbankstownhospital.health.nsw.gov.au/news/news/2022_06/a-place-of-welcome).



Above: Staff member Melinda and community member Liz explore ideas.



Above: Uncle John focuses on bringing his group's ideas together.



Above: Aunty Gloria and Aunty Beverley in the group discussion.

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## Design Jam

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We're excited to share our Design Jam vision (right) which captures ideas, priorities and insights from our local Elders, community members and Aboriginal staff.

You can download the graphic from our website <https://newbankstownhospital.health.nsw.gov.au/resources/images>



Above: "On behalf of the Cabrogal people of the Darug Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are, I extend a warm welcome to you all." Uncle Harry opened the workshop with an Acknowledgement of Country.



Above: "I heard lots of good ideas," said Aunty Lola (right) presenting to the group with community member Victoria. Hear more from Aunty Lola on the video.



Above: Natalie from SWSLHD's Aboriginal Health team working with Matt from our New Bankstown Hospital project team.



Creating a safe, kind and comforting place: the workshop team helping to make the New Bankstown Hospital a welcoming place for Aboriginal people.

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## Nature is the key to nurturing health and wellbeing

With our first Sustainability Working Group starting this month, we brought together more than 40 staff members and planners to explore what sustainability means for our new hospital, and what we can do now to make a difference.

Their highest priority was the need for an 'all electric' facility to help reduce emissions, and to ensure we are Net Zero ready.

Our other priorities included connecting with nature, reducing waste, and offering great public transport, walking and cycling options.

Thanks to everyone who participated. The workshop report will be on our website soon.



Above and below: Teams in the group ideas session.



Above: Clinicians Lai Heng and Louis at the workshop.



Above: SWSLHD Sustainability Manager Wendy Hird provided an update on the great work done by the LHD to date, and its goals for the future.

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## Sustainability Workshop continued



Above: SWSLHD planning team manager Joanna presented on behalf of her team, who felt that sustainability should be celebrated. "When you walk into the hospital, you should be able to see what we're doing towards sustainability," they said. Natural ventilation, natural lighting, and the feeling of nature "everywhere" were mentioned by all the teams.

Above: Project manager Robert with the United Nations sustainability goals. Workshop participants rated affordable and clean energy, responsible consumption and production, and good health and wellbeing as their priorities. Health Infrastructure is currently developing a set of priorities for health facility design which speak to these global goals. For more information, visit <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

## Green Goals

Graphic scribe Tatum captured the highlights of the day and created a vision board to guide future planning.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia, including the local Cabrogal people of the Darug Nation, and their continuing connections to culture, land, sea and community.



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