

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.

Following on from our communication in December 2008, we are pleased to advise that Stage II of Caulfield Hospital's redevelopment is progressing well. The Department of Human Services accepted the lowest tender and internal refurbishment works commenced in January this year. It is expected that works will be completed by late 2010.

A new horizontal oxygen cylinder was installed in March 2009 and is now fully operational. A new pathway within car park 1 has also been completed, providing visitors and staff with a safer environment when walking to and from the hospital.

Additional funding has been forthcoming from the Department of Human Services to proceed with the demolition of the former pharmacy and boiler house buildings and to construct a new single storey laundry to service nursing home residents. Decommissioning works are underway to facilitate the demolition. In preparation for the demolition, work methods and procedures are currently being prepared to ensure the demolition is carried out safely and in compliance with OH&S regulations and Australian Standards.

Demolition of the buildings will take five weeks to complete, commencing on **Tuesday 26 May 2009** through to Tuesday 30 June 2009. The demolition of the chimney is scheduled for Friday 26 June 2009 through to Saturday 27 June 2009 at 1pm. All care will be taken to control dust during this time, areas will be hosed down and surrounding areas will be monitored.

Asbestos within the buildings to be demolished is currently being removed as part of the de-commissioning works. All asbestos removal is being carried out by Aware Asbestos Removalist (a Class A asbestos removal licence holder). All works will be carried out in accordance with the strict requirements of the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007.

Following demolition works, the new residents' laundry will be constructed directly behind the existing nursing home,

which faces onto Kooyong Road. It is anticipated building works will commence in July this year and be completed by the end of 2009. The new building will replace the existing residents' laundry which is currently located adjacent to the Logistics building at the back of the site.

On Sunday 5 April, Melbourne Fire Brigade attended the site to investigate smoldering dust in the boiler house from old briquettes. The smoldering dust has been completely extinguished and there has been no further problem. This boiler house will now be removed as outlined above.

Bureau Veritas, an independent Occupational and Environmental hygienist firm, oversees the removal of works on this site and will monitor air within the buildings and surrounding outdoor areas.

We continue to work closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Glen Eira to do all we can to minimise 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 appreciate the patience of our neighbours during this period of construction and apologise for any inconvenience.

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

Kind regards



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