



# Project News

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## Goodbye Big Brown Building!

**The RNS Redevelopment - the biggest health capital works project in the history of NSW - will include a completely new main hospital building.**

The old "Brown Building" will be demolished under innovative new plans presented by the three consortia bidding for the project.

NSW Minister for Health, Reba Meagher, has announced that detailed bids had been received from Plenary Health, InfraShore Partnership and Pinnacle Health Care.

"While tender evaluation has commenced, NSW Health is pleased to note that all three bids include a complete redevelopment with new buildings," Ms Meagher said.

"Each of the bids allows appropriate capacity for expansion to ensure what is built is able to meet the expansion needs of the health service in both the medium and long term."

The new hospital will provide a total of 626 beds - including 58 critical care beds and 40 mental health beds - as part of a state-of-the-art facility which will provide for more convenient and better integrated patient care across all disciplines.



***Above: The "brown building" will go to make way for the new redevelopment under plans announced by NSW Minister for Health Reba Meagher.***

On completion, the redeveloped Royal North Shore Hospital will offer a new acute services facility, a Community Health Centre and refurbishment to some existing buildings, providing:

- 462 acute beds to complement the 124 beds provided within the already completed Douglas Building
- 40 acute mental health beds
- Additional chemotherapy and renal dialysis chairs
- Enhanced diagnostic services and ambulatory care services
- A total of 29 procedure and operating rooms.

Tender evaluation is expected to be completed by the end of April 2008. This will be followed by a short period of negotiation with the preferred proponent, with an announcement on the successful bidder expected in mid-2008.

**Happy New Year from the RNS Redevelopment Team!**

**Coming in 2008... new R&E Building and new hospital construction start!**

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### PROJECT UPDATE



*Above: The Sturt House demolition in progress, with the R&E Building in the background.*

- **Demolition** is well underway on Sturt House (Building 6) and is expected to be completed by April. The Sturt House site is required for the construction of the new R&E Building. **Demolition** is also scheduled to begin shortly on the rear of **Vindin House**. While every effort will be made to reduce noise, dust and the impact of construction, there will be some inconvenience from time to time as we progress the demolition – we apologise for the disruption and we appreciate your patience.

- The RNS Redevelopment Project **bid process** is on schedule with bids now received and tender evaluation in progress.

- Human Resources and the Redevelopment Project Team have been consulting extensively with support services staff about the **labour service agreement** component of the redevelopment. If you are a support services staff member affected by the changes, please speak to your manager, visit the HR Office or email [NSCCH\\_HR\\_RNS@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NSCCH_HR_RNS@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

- And farewell to our Project Director Andrew Bott, who has left RNS after 15 years. We wish him every success in the future! Congratulations to Deb Stewart who takes up the role of Acting Project Director, and Tracey Ronald who will act as Deputy Project Director.

## Topping out... with a tree

**Construction workers on the new Research & Education Building celebrated their progress on the project with a traditional “topping out ceremony” in December 2007.**

The traditional construction industry milestone coincides with the completion of the final roof slab and the concrete shell of the building and involves the presentation of a tree, which is placed on the roof of the building.

The project now moves into the internal construction and fitout phase in preparation for occupation in late 2008.

