

Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Trust

Newsletter

January - July, 2016

QEII MC Improvements



New QEIIMC signs installed

As a part of developments currently in progress to improve external wayfinding at the QEIIMC, a series of 13 new "marker" signs have been installed. These have been designed in consideration of current and future QEIIMC redevelopment projects, to better assist and direct patients and visitors as they arrive on campus following the wayfinding concept of "progressive disclosure".

The next phase of wayfinding improvements will involve the completion of boundary signage down Gairdner Drive and Verdun Street.

The QEIIMC Trust welcomes your ideas about future wayfinding. Please email these to: MedicalCentreTrust.QEII@health.wa.gov.au.

Upgrades to Hospital Avenue planned

The QEIIMC Trust has made significant progress in sourcing funding for the Hospital Ave upgrade initiative. Research and planning are now underway for design and construction, as well as the preparation of documents seeking development approval through the Western Australian Planning Commission and City of Perth. The works will include the demolition of F Block, with the resulting space redesigned to improve access and traffic flow to Hospital Ave. Input from QEIIMC stakeholders and consultation from independent experts is being sought to ensure adequate collaboration in the improvement and upgrading of the Hospital Ave roadway traffic and pedestrian access.

A Project Control Group will be established to oversee the works. We hope to provide regular updates to you as this project matures. We are very excited at the prospect of improving this major arterial access way at the QEIIMC, to the benefit of all commuters and pedestrians on campus.

Gardens & Grounds

QEIIMC Landscaping Plan, Stage 2 underway

A number of areas of the Medical Centre gardens and grounds are currently undergoing significant, exciting improvements, with more upgrades/maintenance scheduled to get underway in coming months.

Upcoming projects include the creation of new gardens for the Mental Health Unit Verdun St frontage, completion of the Mental Health Unit walkway and the landscaping development of areas around the still under construction Ralph and Patricia Sarich Neuroscience Research Institute.

Continuing the theme of the Noongar seasons in art design and native plant selections, Stage 2 of the courtyard landscaping at L, M and N blocks has now been completed, forming a beautiful and peaceful rest area for staff, patients and visitors alike. These new gardens played host to one of the recent NAIDOC Week events on Tuesday July 5th, including a performance of traditional Aboriginal songs by the Madjitl Moorna Choir.



Parking

Multi Deck Car Park safety reminder

Multi-deck car park users are reminded that the speed limit in the car park is 10km/h and the directional signage must be followed at all times. Reckless driving will not be tolerated and may lead to parking privileges being suspended or revoked.

In addition, staff are reminded to keep a copy of their e-tag number in their glove box or central compartment as they may be required to quote it over the car park intercom if experiencing issues entering or exiting the car park.

The multi-deck car park is utilised by a large number of people so the ongoing cooperation of all staff in driving cautiously is appreciated. Staff are encouraged to report anyone they see driving irresponsibly to qeii.parking@health.wa.gov.au.

Thank you for your cooperation.

TravelSmart



Successful RAC e-Bike Trial, 2015

North Metropolitan Health Services through the QEIIMC Trust recently partnered with RAC for an e-Bike Trial. We received a huge number of EOI's for the scheme and the feedback of the lucky 10 who were able to take part was very positive. Over the course of 10 weeks from late August to November 2015, 40 employees from 4 different partners enjoyed trial e-bikes supplied by RAC.

Data collected by RAC during the trial indicates that those taking part in the trial made full use of their opportunity to test out the e-bikes with participation remaining consistently high throughout the 10 weeks. The number of trips to and from work by car as a driver or passenger nearly halved, from 61% prior to trial commencing, down to just 32% on average over the course of the 10 weeks. Combined, 1,778 e-bike trips were taken which accounted for an average of 55% of commuting trips by e-bike over other methods of transport.

Although many involved in the trial did already own a regular bike, the electric motor assist of the e-bikes made riding a bike a more appealing commuting option for many trips where cycling may not previously been considered. In fact, of the 83% of participants who did already own a bike, pre-trial only 45% cycled at least once a week. While at 81%, a majority of trips taken on the e-bike were commuting to and from work, trial participants found many other opportunities to make use of the e-bikes with fitness, leisure and shopping combined accounting for 19% of journeys.

Thank you to those who took part and to all those who applied! It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and to see that e-bikes are a viable and exciting option of alternative transport that we hope to see more of in the future.

Important Notices

Princess Margaret Hospital moving to Perth Children's Hospital

Would you like to stay-up-to-date on everything that is happening as planning progresses to move Princess Margaret Hospital to the new Perth Children's Hospital?

Sign up to the PCH newsletter to hear progress updates, service changes, what's new, community tours, special events and more.

You can sign up by entering your email here: http://eepurl.com/b5uNdX



Changes to SCGH and some QEIIMC phone numbers

A new telecommunications system will be implemented at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) on Saturday 6 August 2016, to replace the existing outdated system.

Phone and fax numbers using the 9346 **** or 9287 6*** number format will change to start with 6457 ****.

These changes will not impact any other organisations that do not use the aforementioned phone number formats.

Further information on this project is available on the NMHS intranet, QEIIMC website or by emailing: pabx.project@health.wa.gov.au.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the QEIIMC campus

The QEIIMC Trust is committed to maintaining a smoke-free environment and thanks all tenants and stakeholders for their continued support in communicating this message to staff, patients, visitors, students and contractors.

