

COMMUNITY REFERENCE PANEL

PROJECT UPDATE AND HOSPITAL SITE WALK

25 November 2021

The project team were excited to welcome twelve members of our Community Reference Panel to the hospital site to provide a project update followed by a walk around the new hospital. This is the first meeting that we have been able to conduct in person since COVID-19 restrictions came into place and it was wonderful to see some familiar faces, as well as welcome some new Panel members.

Panel members were provided an update on construction, with the latest [aerial video and images](#) showing concrete slab pours up to level four of the hospitals' five operational levels above ground.

The group heard that the first concrete facade panels have been installed to Mental Health Unit and basement areas; and that fit out of internal areas in the lower levels is progressing well.

Environmental sustainability is a key priority for the project. Environmental initiatives were shared at the meeting, with the hospital on track to achieve the equivalent of a 4-star Green star rating.

Outside the hospital perimeter, works for the widening of Cudgen Road and main entry intersection have commenced, and construction of the multideck car park will commence in early 2022.

Lendlease provided an update on Local Industry Participation and shared a wonderful achievement. There are currently around 300 workers on the hospital site each day, and 3 in 4 workers are from the local area, far exceeding the required target.

A brief overview was provided on the plan for operational readiness, which will ensure that the new hospital facilities are ready to deliver high-quality care from day one of opening.

The meeting concluded with a tour of the ground floor of the hospital, which is the main entry to the hospital and will house departments including Outpatients (ambulatory care), Renal, Cancer Services and Medical Imaging.

Vibrant local artist, Hiromi Tango, was a special guest at the Panel meeting. Hiromi will channel community input into the creation of 'Garden', a sculpture that will be suspended in the main foyer of the new hospital. Hiromi delighted Panel members with her vision for the feature artwork and a special gift to inspire participation in the program to engage community members in the creation of the sculpture.

The team also shared that the Secondary Art Program received a record-breaking 63 submissions from the public call for Expressions of Interest, which closed on 18 October.

Senior Project Director Tim with Panel members enjoying the view on the site walk



Hiromi presenting her vision of the 'Garden' sculpture to the group

