



Media Statement

Fiona Stanley Hospital project

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Hospital paves the way for pedestrians

Construction of Fiona Stanley Hospital will meet a major milestone this week with the installation of a link bridge that connects major areas of the hospital.

Work was completed yesterday on a steel bridge that will link the Education, Pathology and main hospital buildings. The 38 tonne bridge is 10 metres wide and connects facilities that are 30 metres apart.

Executive Director of Fiona Stanley Hospital, Brad Sebbes, said that it was very exciting to see this significant part of the hospital construction take shape.

“The bridge linking the main hospital to Education and Pathology will enable people of all ability - including those using mobility devices - to pass between the buildings whilst remaining entirely undercover,” Mr Sebbes said.

“Through the engagement of a Disability Access Consultant we have ensured that the design of the hospital includes equitable access to buildings and facilities for patients, visitors and staff with disabilities.

“This has resulted in the addition of design elements such as adding tactile ground surface indicators at kerb ramps and crossings, installing automatic sliding doors and revolving doors at entrances to the hospital, providing more than double the required amount of Accessible parking bays and ensuring drop-off areas have level access to the footpath,” Mr Sebbes added.

The hospital is only a short walking distance from the Murdoch bus and train station, which connects to a wide variety of transport routes. When the hospital commences operation, there will be frequent bus services departing directly from Murdoch station to the hospital for those who are unable or prefer not to walk.

Services at the hospital will include a full range of acute medical and surgical services; the State Burns Service; the State Rehabilitation Service; state-of-the-art emergency care; and comprehensive cancer services including radiotherapy treatment facilities, medical oncology and haematology.

A world-class medical research facility will be built next to the hospital in conjunction with universities and the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research.

When it opens in 2014, the 783-bed hospital, which includes 140 beds in the new State Rehabilitation Service, will be the south metropolitan area’s major tertiary hospital.

For more information about Fiona Stanley Hospital, log on to www.fionastanley.health.wa.gov.au.

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