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**Media Release****\$1B Nepean Hospital Redevelopment inspires next generation of builders**

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The builders of the future from Penrith and surrounds are encouraged to get involved in Stage 2 of the NSW Government's \$1 billion Nepean Hospital Redevelopment which is transforming healthcare in western Sydney.

To celebrate Stage 2 of the project, primary school students are being invited to take part in the "Budding Builder" competition, where they can build a model of the new Nepean Hospital using arts and craft materials or building blocks.

The competition is open to primary school students aged between 4-12 years old, who attend school or live in Penrith and surrounding communities or children and family members of Nepean Hospital staff. Entries can be submitted individually or as a group on behalf of their local school.

A judging panel will select three shortlisted models, which will be displayed at the Nepean Hospital so the public can vote on the clever creations.

Stage 2 of the Nepean Hospital Redevelopment will complete "Building A" by seamlessly connecting a new seven-storey building currently under construction, to the existing 14-storey hospital tower. When completed, the additional building will expand health care facilities with an adult Intensive Care Unit, Medical Imaging, in-centre renal dialysis, more inpatient beds including a paediatric unit, and a new open and welcoming front of house and reception area.

The Nepean Hospital Stage 2 tower is scheduled for completion in 2026.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Ryan Park:**

"The Nepean Hospital Redevelopment is a game-changer for the Penrith community, and we're thrilled to see the next generation of builders getting excited about this major hospital expansion and upgrade."

"This is a fun and engaging project for children which they can do during the school holidays or as a class project in Term 3. I am looking forward to seeing some creative entries."

**Quotes attributable to Member for Penrith Karen McKeown:**

"The budding builder competition is a fantastic way for our young minds to explore their creativity and learn about the vital role the healthcare and construction industries play in the future wellbeing of our community."

“We’re really looking forward to seeing the incredible works from our community, which will be displayed at the hospital for the public to vote on.”

**Budding Builder Competition Details:**

- Build a model replica of the Nepean Hospital Redevelopment using arts and craft materials or building blocks. Examples of materials that can be used include cardboard, paddle pop sticks, paper mâché or Lego® bricks. The model must be no larger than 40cm tall and 60cm wide.
- Enter individually or as a group on behalf of a local school by completing an entry form and submitting a photo of the building model.
- Prizes include an Apple iPad, Lego® packs, and for school entries, an additional \$1000 Bunnings Gift Voucher
- Submit entries by 6.00pm on Friday 6 September 2024

For more information and to submit an entry, please visit [www.nepeanredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nepeanredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au)

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