



## New health services in Green Square and Zetland

The community of Green Square and Zetland is set to benefit from new health services as part of a \$100 million NSW Government investment in out-of-hospital care in NSW.

Sydney Local Health District announced the planned RPA HealthOne will be located at 944 Bourke Street, Zetland, one of 20 sites across the state bringing together GPs with community health and other professionals in multidisciplinary teams under one roof.

The RPA HealthOne near Green Square will support a more efficient primary health care system by connecting Commonwealth-funded general practice and private practitioners to state-funded primary and community health services to improve health and wellbeing of the local community.

“Green Square is growing rapidly and the RPA HealthOne will improve patient care outside of the hospital system, close to home,” said the District’s Chief Executive, Dr Teresa Anderson.

Another boost for the growing community will be the introduction of a new child and family health clinic at the Tote building in Joynton Ave, Zetland.

The child and family health clinic will provide services for parents with children aged 0-5 including nursing, breastfeeding support, allied health and community paediatric clinics as well as RPA Antenatal outreach appointments for women expecting a baby.

## Benefits

### The key features of HealthOne NSW services are:



Integrated care provided by general practice and community health services



Organised multidisciplinary team care



Care across the spectrum from prevention, to early detection and chronic health management



Client and community involvement

### The project will:



Deliver a variety of quality health services under one roof



Improve patient care outside the hospital system



Offer care across the spectrum



Provide better care coordination through a multidisciplinary approach



Improve health outcomes of the community

Refurbishment of the heritage Tote Building is set to commence early in 2021 to provide three family friendly clinic rooms and a separate group room. Just a short walk from the East Village Shopping Centre, with planned upgrades for Tote Park and its playground, the new Zetland clinic will be an ideally located space for young families.

Sydney Local Health District Executive Director of Clinical Integration, Lou-Anne Blunden said the new child and family health clinic in Zetland and the RPA HealthOne 'one-stop shop' near Green Square will support improved health outcomes for the community.

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"We have consulted with the community about the health care services they would like to access, and our partnerships will allow us to deliver a range of services including child and family health, mental health, drug and alcohol services and multilingual health promotion," Ms Blunden said.

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"As we plan and build the new RPA HealthOne, we will continue to consult with local community groups, The Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network and its associated universities, in particular the University of Sydney, the University of NSW and Notre Dame University, to deliver a range of healthcare services."

The linkage of the RPA HealthOne to the specialist clinical services at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital will significantly enhance access to services for the community.

The largest urban renewal site in Australia, just outside the Sydney CBD and airport, Green Square is projected to be home to more than 61,000 people by 2031 and will be the most densely populated area in Australia.

## Next steps

Early works for the RPA HealthOne project will commence on the site at 944 Bourke St in December 2020, with main works expected to start in 2021. The project is expected to be completed in late 2022.

As the new RPA HealthOne is built, Sydney Local Health District will continue to consult with the local community expand community health services in the area to support the growing population.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MACY MENG AND ALEX GE WHO ARE THE DOTING PARENTS TO BABY BRENDAN

## Families welcome new community health services

Macy Meng and Alex Ge are doting new parents – their baby boy Brendan arrived in June.

“In the beginning it was so hard for both of us. But, we’re so happy to have a baby. He’s smiling now and it’s wonderful to see his reaction when we say his name,” Macy said.

Since Brendan was born, Macy has regularly sought advice from the child and family health nurse at the Alexandria Park Child and Family Health Centre.

The new Child and Family Health Clinic in the Tote building at Zetland will be much closer to home.

“It’ll be so convenient for me because I’ll be able to walk there. I’ll be able to chat with the nurse and ask questions about my baby’s growth and development.

“Soon it’ll be time to introduce solids. And Brendan will get his first tooth. So, I’m sure I’ll have questions about feeding and how best to take care of Brendan’s teeth,” Macy said.

Macy is also looking forward to making connections with other mums who live in the local community.

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“With the new local Clinic, I’m hoping to meet other mums and that we can share our experiences and help each other. Our children will be able to play together and grow-up together,” she said.

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## District's new Mobile Health Clinic hits the road

In the meantime, Sydney Local Health District has a new set of wheels – a Mobile Health Clinic that'll visit local communities to improve their access to health care services.

“We want to bring health care services to those people in the community who need it most, when they need it most,” Madeleine Kitchener, the General Manager of Croydon, Marrickville and Redfern Health Centres, said.

The Mobile Health Clinic is a custom-designed truck with a patient waiting area and a consultation room which includes a clinic bed.

The \$205 000 Clinic will enable the District to deliver early intervention and preventive measures targeted at improving people's health care outcomes.



**SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT'S MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC IN ACTION VISITING LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

## For further information

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