

the **children's** hospital at Westmead  
media release

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## First Changing Place in an Australian Hospital

In a first for an Australian hospital, The Children's Hospital at Westmead launches an accredited Changing Place facility. It meets the needs of families whose severely disabled children are adult sized. The facility includes a toilet, hoist and adult size change table, with enough room for two carers.

The room will be launched by Louise Sauvage, OAM, a four time Paralympian wheelchair racer and winner of two gold and one silver medal. She is a long-time Goodwill Ambassador for the Hospital.

Annette Pham, mother of Liam, has campaigned for the facility and partnered with the Hospital to make this a reality.

"Liam and I are so happy to have worked in partnership with The Children's Hospital at Westmead to achieve this wonderful Changing Place, said Annette Pham. ." At long last people with profound disabilities and their carers will have access to an appropriate and dignified toileting facility, something the rest of us take for granted. It is impossible for many people to realise how this change facility will positively impact the lives of people with disabilities and their carers.'

"We know that coming to Hospital can be an incredibly stressful time for our children and families. Working with families like Annette and Liam to improve this experience is a real privilege. For many families, this well-equipped room will make their Hospital visit a little easier," said Network Manager - Consumer Engagement, Ms Laura Griffin.

**TIME: 10-11 am**

**DATE Monday 17 April 2017**

**VENUE: The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Cnr of Hawkesbury Rd and Hainsworth St**

**Meet at front entrance**

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is the highly respected, largest paediatric centre in NSW, providing excellent care for children from NSW, Australia and across the Pacific Rim. It forms part of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (Randwick and Westmead).

Established in 1880, The Children's Hospital at Westmead is a public Hospital and registered charity with 3,000 staff working in 150 departments. 70,000 sick children and their families are cared for each year in a family-focused, healing environment.

Funded by the NSW Government, The Children's Hospital at Westmead provides significant extra services aided by the generosity of individual and corporate donors. For more information visit [www.chw.edu.au](http://www.chw.edu.au)

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