



Message from the Redevelopment team

The Ryde Hospital Redevelopment team has achieved a lot this year including:

- Receiving our first planning approval in June
- Submitting our second planning application in September
- Completing the early works onsite
- Completing and receiving approval for schematic and detailed design
- Starting tender negotiations for the construction contract which we expect to confirm in early 2024
- Continued interaction with the community, most recently at the Granny Smith Festival in October.

Early works have been important to prepare the hospital for the new buildings and have included the demolition of three buildings and the clearing of invasive weeds from the Blue Gum High Forest. It has been rewarding to see how the look and feel of the hospital has changed during this time.

This year we also completed and received approval for schematic and detailed design. Detailed design refines the design, space and construction processes for the new hospital. To inform the functional design of the future redevelopment, our project user groups provided feedback to ensure the patient voice

remains at the centre of the design. Project user groups are an integral part of the redevelopment and include community representation alongside staff and wider health representatives. The completed hospital design allowed us to proceed with the procurement for the main works contractor.

The construction staging for the redevelopment is being considered as part of the main works procurement process. Tender discussions have shown there is an opportunity to deliver the clinical service priorities within a shorter construction timeframe. While this option leads to the best outcome overall, it means that during construction there will be increased building activity onsite to progress the work. This may lead to more disruption and provide less space for operations onsite than was originally expected while work is underway.

The executive and the redevelopment team are working through the details of the revised staging plan and what it looks like for staff, patients, suppliers and the community. We will provide further information as the revised staging is developed.

We would like to extend our appreciation to community members who have contacted us to request information or provide feedback about the redevelopment.

Highlights of 2023

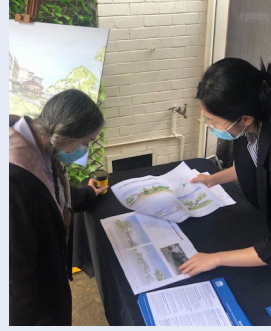
Key achievements for the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment in 2023 include:



Releasing the latest schematic designs and fly-through animation



Awarding the early works contract to HPAC Pty Ltd



Public exhibition and approval of the first planning application



Public exhibition of the second planning application



Completing the early works construction

Ryde Hospital before and after early works



Demolition of the Chattery, Cleaners Store and Community Aged Care & Rehabilitation Service (CAREs) buildings



Installation of a new walkway from Ryde Hospital to the PRP Radiology



Blue Gum High Forest before and after

We have finished removing invasive weeds from the Blue Gum High Forest to preserve the forest's natural ecosystem and create an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) for the hospital. An APZ is a fuel reduced area that aims to minimise the risk of fire reaching nearby buildings. The next phase of work within the forest will focus on preventing weeds from returning as part of the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP).

Our team consulted with the Rural Fire Service and ecological assessment consultants before work started to determine the size of the APZ and how best to protect the forest's biodiversity.

During construction of the new hospital buildings, revegetation of the forest will continue based on the VMP to further enhance the health of the forest and maintain the APZ. The tall blue gum trees will not be removed.

Following project completion, the Northern Sydney Local Health District will manage and care for the forest and APZ.



Clearing invasive weeds from the Blue Gum High Forest

Community engagement

This year we have continued to engage staff, consumers and the community to share information about the redevelopment and seek feedback, particularly throughout the design phase.

In summary, in 2023 we have:

Presented to 5 community groups

Held 5 face to face information sessions

Held 1 online information session

Attended the Granny Smith Festival

Collected feedback via an online survey

Hosted 9 Consumer Reference Group meetings

Held approximately 200 Project User Group meetings

Created 10 new information fact sheets

Created 2 project videos, one translated

Distributed 7 community newsletters

We thank our wonderful volunteers, Ryde Hospital staff and community participants for their enthusiasm and graciously giving their time this year. In particular, we would like to thank our Consumer Reference Group who meet monthly and provide a regular voice for the community.



Redevelopment team and members of the Consumer Reference Group on a site tour of Ryde Hospital in October 2023



Ryde Redevelopment team presenting to the Rotary Club of Ryde in March 2023



Jennifer McConnell A/General Manager, presenting to the Ryde Combined Probus Club in April 2023



Ryde Hospital Redevelopment team with members of the Eastwood Probus Group in August 2023



Redevelopment team members with Jordan Lane, MP at the Granny Smith Festival in October 2023



Information Session in Eastwood in July 2023

Communicating with diverse communities

Did you know that more than 50 per cent of the Ryde population speak a language other than English at home? This year we have continued to translate some of our project information into commonly spoken languages to create greater awareness about the redevelopment. We have translated project fact sheets and a video into [Chinese \(simplified\)](#) and [Korean](#) and while we're unable to translate material into all languages, we encourage communities to use the NSW Government translation service for their translation needs, details are provided below. This service is free and available 24 hours a day, every day.



Korean subtitled video of Ryde Hospital Redevelopment – through the eyes of a staff member



[Click here](#) or on the image above, to watch and read a video from a staff members perspective with [Korean](#) and [Mandarin](#) subtitles.

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Information session in the main hospital entrance in July 2023

Looking ahead to 2024

A competitive tender process for the construction contract is currently underway. As part of this process a construction staging program for the redevelopment is being developed and a building contractor is expected to be appointed in 2024. We will share further information with staff, consumers and the community about construction impacts, staging and timelines following the appointment.

We are looking forward to further progressing the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment in the year ahead and wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.



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