

Demolition has started

Over the coming weeks, the construction team will continue to demolish the buildings within the footprint of the \$479 million redevelopment of Ryde Hospital.

Before demolition of each building, the team needs to make sure that it is safe to begin work. Ensuring the health and safety of our staff, patients, visitors and construction workers is always our first priority.

Services will be disconnected from buildings earmarked for demolition and any hazardous materials will be safely removed by licensed specialists in accordance with relevant legislation and guidelines. Learn more about the safe removal of asbestos containing material [here](#).

Once the buildings are cleared for demolition, heavy machinery such as excavators will be brought onsite to remove the remaining structure. While this work may be noisy at times, the redevelopment team will continue to work closely with staff, patients and the community to minimise the impact on hospital services.

Community engagement

Last month, members of the redevelopment team were delighted to be invited to the Eastwood Probus Group meeting to provide an update on the redevelopment.

The presentation was given by:

- Heather Gough, Ryde Hospital General Manager
- Fiona Thorn, Ryde Hospital Redevelopment Manager
- Marcus Haines, Health Infrastructure Project Director



The Probus Group was an enthusiastic audience and several questions were asked about the clinical services on offer in the redeveloped hospital as well as the size of the new buildings.

The services and benefits that will be available in the redeveloped hospital can be found [here](#).

Thank you to Eastwood Probus Group for their interest in the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment.

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Second planning application lodged

We are pleased to advise that the second planning application has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment and is on exhibition until **Wednesday 25 October, 2023**.

View the plans to have your say [here](#).

The second application seeks approval for:

- Detailed design of the redevelopment, including the façade detailing, public spaces and site access
- Main demolition works
- Additional car parking
- Main construction works.

Learn more about the planning process [here](#).

What we heard

In June, information sessions were held at the hospital, Eastwood, Top Ryde and online to discuss key aspects of the second planning application before it was submitted. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to provide feedback and ask questions.

Read about what we heard from the community [here](#).

Protecting biodiversity (flora and fauna)

Ryde has a rich biodiversity with a variety of native plants and animals that form thriving ecosystems. The Ryde Hospital Redevelopment team is committed to protecting the local flora and fauna during the redevelopment.

For all hospital projects, the local biodiversity and existing environment are assessed to determine relevant protection measures. A team of specialists has identified flora and fauna surrounding Ryde hospital and is using this information to carefully plan and implement safeguards around habitats and monitor for the presence of wildlife. If wildlife is found before or during the work, experienced wildlife handlers will be present to safely remove and relocate them.



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