

Community feedback snapshot

The redevelopment team met with staff and the community to share information about the second planning application for the redevelopment of Ryde Hospital.

Information sessions were held at the hospital, Eastwood, Top Ryde and online to discuss key aspects of the second State Significant Development Application (SSDA2) before it was submitted. SSDAs are the formal planning approval process for infrastructure developments valued at \$30 million and above, such as the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment. The second application seeks approval for the main constructions works, detailed design and additional car parking.

We spoke with sixty community members who shared their thoughts on several aspects of the development. We also reached the wider community through advertisements and by working with community partners and consumer groups.

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Hospital Information Session



Eastwood



Top Ryde



Ryde Hospital

Members of the redevelopment team and Consumer Reference Group speaking with hospital staff and the community in June 2023.

What we heard

Who will care for the Blue Gum High Forest in the long term?

Your questions answered: The redevelopment will retain and protect the neighbouring Blue Gum High Forest. The forest is currently undergoing regeneration works to remove weeds including Lantana and create an asset protection zone to protect the hospital from potential bush fires. The forest will be maintained by the Northern Sydney Local Health District in the long term.

How will traffic and parking pressures be managed during construction?

Your questions answered: A construction traffic management plan has been prepared that includes construction vehicle movements and traffic control procedures to reduce disruption and provide a safe environment for road users. Disruption to staff, visitors and the community will be minimised by:

- Encouraging construction workers to use public transport to access the hospital.
- Moving materials within the site boundary where possible.
- Managing the movement of large vehicles such as cranes and trucks when entering and exiting the hospital to minimise impacts, including having off site holding zones when required.
- Placing traffic controllers onsite where required.
- Providing temporary additional parking for Ryde Hospital staff.

Alternative offsite parking for staff is in the process of being arranged to free up available parking spaces for patients and visitors.

Will there be sufficient outdoor space in the new hospital's design to promote health and wellbeing?

Your questions answered: Green spaces have been included throughout the proposed design to create a welcoming environment for patients, staff and visitors and to facilitate healing.

What is the extent of overshadowing from new buildings on nearby properties?

Your questions answered: The proposed building is set back from the site boundary to ensure overshadowing to nearby properties is minimised. While the new building will result in minor overshadowing during the summer, impacts are mostly within the hospital campus. During the winter, the Blue Gum High Forest and existing residential houses opposite Ryedale Road will experience some overshadowing however residences will continue to exceed the City of Ryde development control requirements for solar access.

The design and orientation of the new building will ensure that outdoor landscaped areas will have sunlight throughout the day, providing a high level of amenity for patients, staff and visitors.