

Hospital designs near completion

It has been a productive start to the year for the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment with several exciting developments. Enabling and early works construction is underway, planning milestones have been reached and the hospital's detailed design process is nearing completion.

The Ryde Hospital Redevelopment remains a priority for NSW Health and continues to progress well.

Catch up below on all the latest project news including an early works update, planning update, and our recent consultation with the Ryde and surrounding communities.

Early works update

The early works for the project is progressing, forging the path for the main construction works which are set to begin later this year.

We have previously notified the surrounding neighbours about the early works within the Blue Gum High Forest. Total Earth Care, in collaboration with HPAC Pty Ltd, will begin bush regeneration works in the forest in the coming weeks.

The works will involve the removal of Lantana, a non-native plant species that is known for its ability to outcompete native plants and reduce biodiversity.

By removing this invasive species and restoring the area to its natural state, we will help to preserve the Blue Gum High Forest's unique and valuable ecosystem.

Improvements to the Blue Gum High Forest:

- **Improving the overall health of the ecosystem:** by removing Lantana and planting native species that are better suited to the local environment.
- **Providing habitat for native wildlife:** by restoring the area to its natural state, we will provide a suitable habitat for a range of native species, including birds, reptiles and mammals.
- **Maintaining biodiversity:** the Blue Gum High Forest is home to a range of unique and valuable species. By removing Lantana and restoring the area to its natural state, we will help maintain this biodiversity.



Aerial image of the existing Blue Gum High Forest and Ryde Hospital

We believe the outcome of this project will be a more vibrant and healthy Blue Gum High Forest providing benefits to the staff, local community, wildlife and the environment.

Recent community consultation

Last month the redevelopment team was thrilled to be out in the community providing project updates to different organisations. The team presented to the Eastwood Chamber of Commerce for the second time and the Rotary Club of Ryde, and will be presenting to the Ryde Probus Club in the coming weeks.

The presentations have been well-received and the community has appreciated learning more about the redevelopment. This has prompted other community groups to reach out and request similar presentations which we look forward to delivering.

If your team or community organisation would like to hear from the redevelopment team, please contact us and we can arrange a presentation.



Health Infrastructure Project Director Marcus Haines and Ryde Hospital Redevelopment Manager Fiona Thorn presenting to the Eastwood Chamber of Commerce.



Ryde Hospital Acting General Manager Jennifer McConnell and TSA Project Director Leigh Gilshenan presenting to the Rotary Club of Ryde.

State Significant Development applications

In January this year the project team resubmitted the project's revised State Significant Development Application (SSDA) to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to reflect an update to the parking strategy following feedback from the initial submission. DPE placed the application on public exhibition for two weeks. You can review the recent changes to parking [here](#).

The redevelopment team is in the final stages of the Response to Submissions report for the first SSDA which addresses the submissions received during DPE's public exhibition.

The project team is currently aiming to lodge the second SSDA in mid-2023. This application will seek approval for main works construction and the multi-storey car park. It will also address the detailed design including materials, colour palettes, internal layouts, landscaping, and other building aspects. Extensive consultation with the community, as well as staff, clinicians, and consumers, have helped shape the submission.

DPE will place the second SSDA on public exhibition for 28 days and there will be an opportunity for the community to provide feedback during this time via their major project's webpage. We will share further information once the application has been submitted and the date of the public exhibition period is confirmed.