

Community Reference Panel meeting

Session summary // December 2018

The last Community Reference Panel sessions for 2018 had a jam-packed agenda, and also provided an opportunity to recognise the valuable contribution of all Community Reference Panel members over the past five months.

Fourteen panel members attended a daytime session, with a further seven attending an after-hours session.

Panel members were provided with a general project update on the Functional Briefing process, the Preliminary Works and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

Following that, the Project Architect shared the progression of the hospital design, and then the focus turned to the hot topics of transport, access and parking.

Functional briefings

The project team are working to finalise the functional design briefing documents for 34 different service areas across the hospital. This includes clinical areas such as emergency and paediatrics, through to other essential services that keep a hospital running such as security, cleaning and catering.

The briefing documents will be endorsed early in 2019, and are integral in informing the design requirements of the hospital. They detail all of the key operational requirements for each service, including what other service areas they need to be close to, and how each service interacts with other services within the hospital. The architects take all this information on board while planning for the new Tweed Valley Hospital.



Preliminary works on-site

Preliminary works are well underway, with the immediate tasks of securing the site and putting in place appropriate environmental control measures.

Sediment basin works commenced on-site this week. The construction of the sediment basins and other stormwater controls will reduce the amount of sediment and other pollutants that currently wash from farmland into the environmental area that is being preserved along the northern boundary of the site, providing an immediate environmental benefit. The sediment basins are expected to be completed in early 2019.

Fencing of the site is also well underway and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Environmental Impact Statement

The public exhibition period for both the Stage 1 State Significant Development application and the SEPP application is now closed.

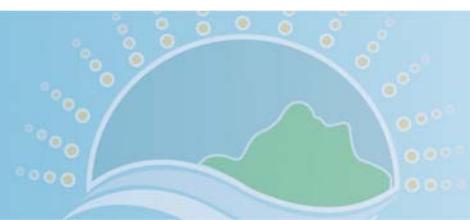
The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) will assess the application, taking into consideration all submissions received during the exhibition period.

The project team will be provided with the community feedback and produce a 'Response to Submissions' Report for DPE's consideration. The project team will provide that report as quickly as possible, given the critical need for the new hospital.

The Department of Planning and Environment will make a recommendation to the Minister for Planning regarding the application following review of the Response to Submissions Report.

The Minister for Planning (or delegate) will then determine the application and if approved, the approval may include consent conditions that must be adhered to.

Members of the Community Reference Panel are run through some of the common barriers to travel



MAIN ENTRY CONCEPT SKETCH



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A concept sketch of what the main entry of the new Tweed Valley Hospital may look like

The design of the new hospital

Project Architect Mark Healey shared with the group some of the early concept designs that have been developed for the Tweed Valley Hospital.

While the planning is still in initial stages, the early design is based around a 'hospital heart'. The 'heart' of the hospital will be a two-storey high central lobby that will create a spine through the building, connecting the pedestrian and car parking zones to the environmental and landscaping areas to the rear of the facility.

With the natural landscape a key feature across the design, Panel members raised pertinent questions around the long-term sustainability and maintenance of gardens and natural spaces. This will be a key consideration in the development of the landscape strategy in the new year, which will address these issues and look at low maintenance trees and shrubs, amongst other initiatives.

Mr Healey also shared with the group how the shape of the building may look, designed to fit in with the natural environment and to provide natural light into all patient rooms, to offer the best outcomes for patients.

From all of us at the Tweed Valley Hospital project team, we would like to extend **our warmest thanks** to you all for your time, patience and continued enthusiasm throughout the past months.

We are excited to be working with you to deliver this exciting new hospital for the Tweed-Byron region.

We look forward to what 2019 will bring.

Transport, access and parking

Transport consultant Andrew Eke shared with group the current access and egress plans for the new hospital site, which will include four access points to separate service traffic and emergency vehicles from staff and public entry points.

Consultation is already underway with local public transport providers and the outcomes of this will feed into a sustainable transport plan for the new hospital.

Parking is noted as a key topic of interest for the local community and preliminary numbers have been included in the Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement, based on local Council requirements. However, these figures need to be worked through in more detail. The consultants will consider data from recent staff interviews and benchmarking against other hospitals; as well as carrying out studies on the existing demands around the site as part of determining the actual number of carparks required.

Panel members were advised that there is a statewide parking policy for NSW that we are required to comply with, which includes a range of different concessions for eligible parties based on their personal circumstances.

