

Community Newsletter No.1

Western NSW Local Health District

Planning for the new Dubbo Residential Rehabilitation Centre begins

Dear Neighbours, Dubbo Residents and Interested Stakeholders,

On 24 February 2023, the Western NSW Local Health District announced it had bought Lot 311 and Lot 312 at Spears Drive in North West Dubbo as the site for the new Dubbo Residential Rehabilitation Centre. Refer to the Location Plan in Figure 1.

The Local Health District is now starting work on designing this new purpose-built health facility and want to consult with the community about the facility's design and how it will operate. This newsletter includes information on how you can join events in March 2024 that will help you to learn about the Project, how the model of care will be designed, and ask any questions you might have.

The Local Health District is committed to involving residents and stakeholders in the design of the Centre. To assist with that work we have engaged Urban Concepts, a consultancy specialising in facilitating community consultation for urban planning and development projects. Urban Concepts has developed a range of initiatives called UrbanTalk to keep you informed about the Project. Details are provided in this newsletter.

On behalf of the Western NSW LHD, I look forward to welcoming you to these consultation events and hearing your views and ideas about the facility's design and operation.



Mark Spittal
Chief Executive, WNSWLHD

Figure 1 Site Location Plan



Source: Near Maps

Planning and design

The first stage of the Project involves designing the Centre and preparing a Development Application (DA) that will seek consent for construction.

The design of a new health facility is based on the needs of each Project, and each community. While the exact design has not yet been done, there are some general points that the design will be based around. The Centre will be designed to be residential in character and will be single storey only. One of the reasons for the site selection is that there is enough space to set the Centre in landscaped grounds to protect neighbours' privacy, and to make sure the look and feel of Spears Drive is protected.

We have appointed a Lead Design Team headed by Fulton Trotter and Partners Architects Pty Ltd to design the Centre. That work will use feedback from neighbours and the Dubbo community in conjunction with healthcare professionals.

The DA will be lodged with Dubbo Regional Council later in 2024. Dubbo Regional Council will assess the DA on behalf of the Western Regional Planning Panel, which is the Consent Authority for the Application. No development can occur on the site without development approval.

Understanding rehabilitation

The Centre is for people who are seeking to address their alcohol and/or other drug dependency. It will provide therapeutic withdrawal and rehabilitation care in a structured, safe environment. People going to the Centre will be supported with treatment and by taking part in programs and activities to improve their health, wellbeing and interaction with the community.

A Management Operating Plan will guide how the Centre will operate. This Plan will form part of the DA documentation lodged with Dubbo Regional Council.

At the March 2024 consultation events (details for attending are on the opposite page), we will provide information about what is involved in managing a residential rehabilitation centre and share case studies of similar-sized centres.

Come along to the 25 & 26 March 2024 Community Consultation Sessions

On 25 and 26 March 2024, we will hold information sessions that include both face-to-face events and a webinar. These sessions will feature presentations by Mark Spittal, Chief Executive of the Western NSW LHD, and specialists experienced in residential rehabilitation.

Our face-to-face events will be held at the **Oxley Room in the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, which is located at 155 Darling Street, Dubbo**. If you are unable to attend a face-to-face event, please consider attending the online webinar. Each session will be 2 hours in duration.

Our face-to-face information sessions have a maximum capacity of 40 people, so we suggest you reserve your place and RSVP to attend. Details about how to RSVP are below. If the face-to-face sessions fill up, we encourage you to attend the online webinar event on 26 March.

NEIGHBOUR INFORMATION SESSIONS 25 March 2024

If you live in the area surrounding the Spears Drive Site, we ask that you attend the Neighbour Information Sessions.

Session Times:
4pm-6pm
7pm-9pm

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS 26 March 2024

If you live in the broader Dubbo Community, we ask that you attend our Community Sessions

Session Times:
4pm -6pm
7pm-9pm

NEIGHBOUR AND COMMUNITY WEBINAR 26 March 2024

Neighbours and Dubbo residents have the option to attend an online webinar using Zoom.

Session Time:
12pm-2pm

Learn more about this project or RSVP to attend an Information Session

To stay up to date, learn more about the Project, ask a question or RSVP for the 25 and 26 March 2024 consultation events:

Phone: UrbanTalk on 1800 828 255

Email: info@urbantalk.com.au

Visit the Project Website with Frequently Asked Questions: Go To: www.urbantalk.com.au

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