

MEDIA RELEASE

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Community feedback sought on Toowoomba Hospital redevelopment project

To meet the future healthcare needs of the region, the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) has identified the need for a new or redeveloped facility to replace Toowoomba Hospital.

DDHHS Chief Executive Dr Peter Gillies said the health service had engaged experienced consultants to investigate three site development options.

“It is very early in the planning process and there have been no funding commitments made,” Dr Gillies said.

“Infrastructure improvements at Toowoomba Hospital including an extra theatre, new MRI service and expanded CT scan service, new kitchen, emergency department upgrades, renal department upgrade and third power feed will all help meet demand for health services in the short to medium term.

“However, we need to plan further into the future and are seeking community feedback and insights on the potential locations of a new or redeveloped facility.”

DDHHS will be holding five informal drop-in sessions in Toowoomba on Tuesday, 9 August 2016, Thursday, 11 August 2016 and Friday, 12 August 2016.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend the information sessions to give their feedback and help the DDHHS inform its recommendation for a site.

By attending, members of the community will help DDHHS gain invaluable insight, ensuring the selected site will meet the region’s healthcare needs and expectations.

Information sessions:

North Point Shopping Centre
Cnr Ruthven Street & Jones Street, Toowoomba
Tuesday 9 August, 2016, 9am – 11am

Highfields Village Shopping Centre
Cnr Highfields Road & Lauder Drive, Toowoomba
Thursday 11 August, 2016, 10am – 12pm

Clifford Gardens Shopping Centre
Cnr James Street & Anzac Avenue, Toowoomba
Thursday 11 August, 2016, 5pm – 7pm

Toowoomba Plaza
Cnr Ruthven Street & Stenner Street, Toowoomba

Friday 12 August, 2016, 9am – 11am

Grand Central Shopping Centre
Cnr Dent Street & Margaret Street, Toowoomba
Friday 12 August, 2016, 11:45am – 1:45pm

Members of the community can also complete a feedback survey at

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/darlingdowns/survey.asp>

For more information about the sessions please contact the Toowoomba Hospital Redevelopment Project team on 1800 880 314 during business hours (an answering service is available at other times).

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