



Kingaroy Hospital Redevelopment

Caring for our Communities: *Healthier Together*

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The new hospital to the left will be connected to the existing fully refurbished “L” shaped ward building by a feature walkway shown in the centre of the above artists’ impression.

Welcome to our first newsletter.

As you would be aware, Kingaroy Hospital will undergo a \$62 million redevelopment as announced in the 2017-18 State Budget. This involves building a brand new hospital on the Kingaroy campus. The vast majority of the existing hospital buildings will be replaced with the exception of BEMS, administration, Farr Home, and accommodation.

The existing “L” shaped ward building will be refurbished for ambulatory care and be connected to the new hospital via an architecturally designed feature walkway incorporating clinical and office space.

The new hospital construction is being managed by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health service (DDHHS) Projects Planning and Property branch (PPP). The Project Team includes:

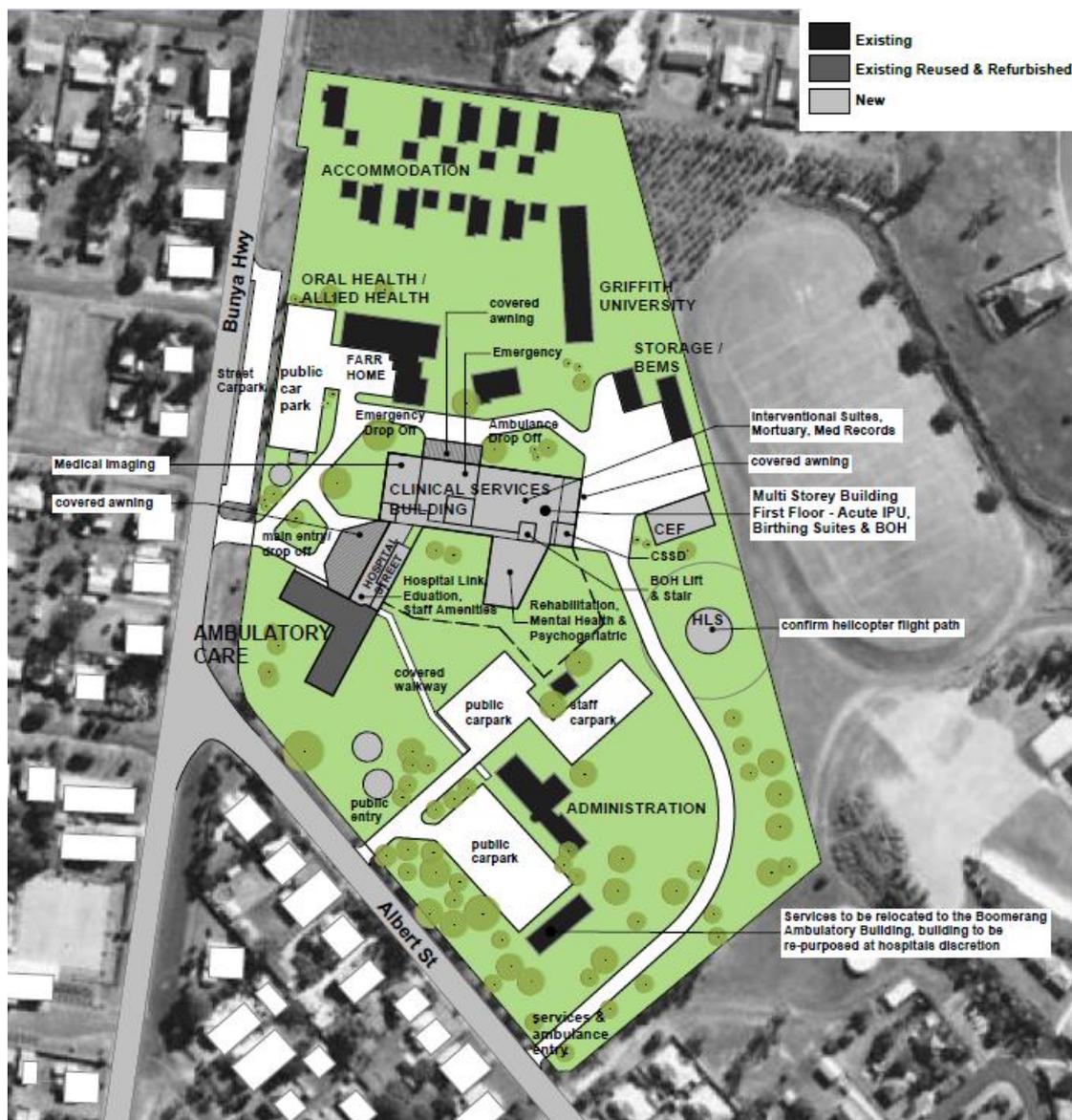
- Project Director – Phil Gregory, Director, Projects, Planning and Property, DDHHS
- Project Manager – Timothy Turner, Principal Project Manager, Infrastructure, DDHHS
- Stakeholder and Community Engagement Manager – Kim Oates, Project Officer, Infrastructure, DDHHS
- Procurement Manager – David Turner, Director, Commercial Management Unit, DDHHS, and
- **Most importantly, you.** – Stakeholders will be very much part of the project team.

It is really important that the stakeholders (you) have a say in the design of the new hospital. The foot print of the building is mostly locked in however; the layout, the models of care, and the interaction between departments are yet to be designed.

We have recently appointed a company by the name of Conrad Gargett as Principal Consultant (Architect). Over the coming weeks and months, project user groups will meet with the architectural team to have input into the final design.

One of the risks is that we don't rethink what we do now and just reproduce a replica of our existing procedures and work methods. This is a great opportunity to stop and think about how we can make changes for the better around patient care and the general work flow. It's not often that you get a blank sheet of paper to redesign your workplace, so please take hold of the opportunity if you are part of a user group.

Figure 1 – Reference Project Master Plan



Project Timeline:

You may not be aware that a lot has been happening in the background since the announcement of the funding.

A project steering committee was established that includes the Health Services Chief Executive, Director of Nursing South Burnett, Executive Director Infrastructure, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Director Medical Services, Director PPP, and the Senior Director Capital Asset Services Branch. (The project delivery team reports to the steering committee).

Tenders have been developed and awarded for the Principal Consultant (Architect) plus tenders are out for the redesign of our new entry from the Bunya Highway and the appointment of a model of care consultant.

The programme going forward is;

Task or Activity	Date	Status
Project Steering Committee Established	Aug 2017	Complete
Tender awarded – Architect	Sep 2017	Complete
Tender awarded - Entrance redesign	Oct 2017	Started
Tender awarded – Models of Care	Oct 2017	Started
User Groups established	Sep 2017	Started
Detail Design begins	Oct 2017	
Early civil works commence	Jan 2018	
Detail Design Completed	Feb 2018	
Tender for construction awarded	Jun 2018	
Construction begins	Oct 2018	
Hospital Handover	Feb 2020	

Keeping informed:

We will keep you informed via newsletters to be sent out as milestones are met or something new is occurring. We will also keep you informed via the project user groups.

There are plans to establish a dedicated project web site, but more about that in the next newsletter. Until then, keep thinking about, and talk to your supervisor, about how you can contribute to new hospital design.