



# A NEW HOSPITAL FOR RYDE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why build a new hospital on a different site and not just expand the existing hospital?**

The Macquarie University option would mean the new hospital could be built on a clear site. This would avoid disruption to services, staff, patients and visitors during construction.

### **Is this going to be a Public Private Partnership (PPP)**

No, Ryde Hospital would remain a public hospital of Northern Sydney Local Health District.

### **Will Ryde Hospital be offering private hospital services?**

No, Ryde Hospital would remain a public hospital and would provide services just as it does now to public patients and to those choosing to use their private health insurance.

### **Will Ryde Hospital staff have access to the Macquarie University and Hospital facilities?**

Macquarie University has a range of facilities and opportunities that could be made available to staff. These include educational and professional development opportunities, wellbeing support, access to childcare centres and a sports and aquatic centre. The new hospital location would also be within walking distance to a major shopping precinct. The university campus would provide access to additional open space for staff and visitors.

### **Will the employment conditions of staff change?**

No, Ryde would remain a public hospital and the terms and conditions of employment for staff would be unchanged.

### **Will there be parking at the new hospital site?**

The proposed site at Macquarie University would have plenty of car parking for staff, patients, carers and visitors.

### **Will there be any residential or commercial aspects of the new hospital if it moves to Macquarie University?**

No. The NSW Government commitment is to rebuild a new Ryde Hospital designed to deliver services to the community.

### **Will there be community consultation?**

The redevelopment of Ryde Hospital will require extensive consultation with staff and the community. The location does not change the need to ensure it remains a community hospital.

## **Will there be improved transport access at the new site?**

The proposed site provides easy walking access to an interconnected public transport network, including the new Macquarie University Metro train station, the Macquarie Centre bus terminal and a taxi rank.

## **How will the new Ryde Hospital work with the private Macquarie University Hospital? Will the Ryde Hospital get access to imaging and pathology at the private hospital?**

This will form part of the consultation and business case process.

## **Will there be additional or expanded services at the new hospital?**

As part of the NSW Government's investment for a \$479 million new Ryde Hospital, the development will see a new patient centred, digital hospital providing emergency, critical care, inpatient, community and ambulatory care services in line with the Ryde Clinical Services Plan.

## **What strengths does Macquarie University have that could benefit Ryde Hospital?**

Co-locating Ryde Hospital on a university teaching campus has a number of potential benefits to patients, carers, staff and the local community including:

- Improved access to public transport including rail and bus.
- Improved access to the hospital by road for emergency services and people coming to hospital by car.
- Opportunity for Ryde Hospital to be redeveloped as a 'smart' hospital linking Macquarie University's expertise in health innovations and health systems as well as taking advantage of advances in digital and artificial intelligence (AI) technology.
- Opportunity for collaboration with Macquarie University on medical and health services research and clinical trials particularly in areas of the university's strengths such as motor neurone disease (MND), dementia, cardiovascular disease, cancer, hearing and health systems.
- Provide a better teaching environment for medical students and create stronger linkages between Macquarie University and Ryde Hospital for those studying medical and allied health degrees.
- Staff access to Macquarie University campus grounds with education and professional development opportunities, childcare, sports and aquatic facilities and additional open space.
- Staff and visitor access to a nearby major shopping precinct.

## **How could Ryde Hospital being located on the campus benefit Macquarie University?**

Having a public hospital would strengthen the health presence on the campus. Health services are a major focus for Macquarie University. A public hospital would also support students and provide opportunities to create stronger linkages between the university and the hospital for those studying medical and allied health degrees.

## **Who will own the land the new hospital is built on?**

The land would be provided free of cost by Macquarie University for as long as the public hospital and services at that location.

## **How much land would be made available by Macquarie University?**

The Macquarie University location will be an option put forward in the business case for the redevelopment of Ryde Hospital. Land size and access to the land will be evaluated as part of the business case.

## **What happens if Macquarie University wants the land back or needs to make changes to the site?**

The Macquarie University option being proposed would ensure future security of the Hospital.

## **Will Macquarie University staff have access to the Ryde Hospital facilities?**

Ryde Hospital would remain a community hospital, accessible to the public and community who need care and to staff or students.

## **What will happen to the old Ryde Hospital site?**

The Ryde Hospital site would remain in public ownership and the much-valued hospital buildings such as the Graythwaite Rehabilitation Centre and the heritage listed Denistone House would remain in public ownership for health and wellbeing services for the local community.

## **Will the hospital still be called Ryde Hospital?**

Yes. It would remain Ryde Hospital.