

Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney (RRCS)

A not-for-profit organisation. A leader in the field in Australia and has a 107 year history of providing care to the community.

Was started in 1899 by Susan Schardt. Blind from birth, Miss Schardt rented a single cottage at Surry Hills to care for 16 "incurables."

The Governor of NSW, The Hon Henry Rawson, became its first patron in 1901. The patron is current Governor, Professor Marie Bashir AC. Highly-regarded internationally, with the finest in clinical expertise and academic knowledge.

Services include medical, nursing, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, pastoral care, physiotherapy, psychology, social work, speech pathology, driver assessment and community-based rehabilitation and a range of disability support programs.

The Centre is accredited with the Australian Council on HealthCare Standards and has affiliated teaching status with the University of Sydney.



The new campus and facility design will allow the RRCS to overcome:

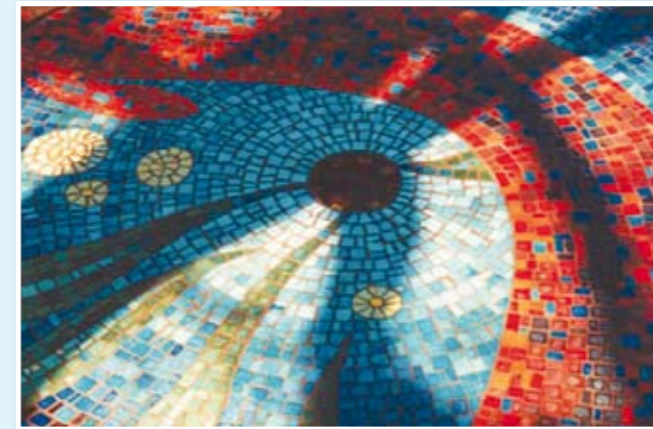
- Poor disability access
- Rundown and outmoded buildings
- High maintenance costs
- Institutionalised care setting
- Restrictions to introducing more and new services and programs
- Risks to losing expert staff
- Risks of loss of accredited teaching status
- Risk of premature closure of the Centre



Recreational amenity is part of our vision



Community Access to Centre Amenities



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Maximising Abilities - Optimising Lifeskills

Benefits for Clients, Residents and the Broader Community

Members of the community as well as clients will benefit from the range of facilities provided by the RRCS's new world-class rehabilitation and disability centre.

There will be improved public access to many of the services and recreational sites.

These include:

- Nature walks
- Cycling paths
- Landscaped wellness gardens
- Wetland ponds
- Tennis and basketball courts
- Gym
- Café
- Child care centre
- Community meeting rooms
- Picnic areas
- Hydrotherapy pool



More modern equipment, research opportunities and specialist staff will enable the RRCS to broaden its services to cover the full spectrum of injury, including:

- Spinal cord injury
- Stroke
- Brain injury
- Falls prevention
- Amputations
- Orthopaedic injury
- Burns
- Workplace accidents
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Sporting accidents
- Assaults
- Family general practice
- Disability health
- Wellness programs
- Lifeskills programs

A major feature of the new campus will be the Recreational Circle.

Highlights of this feature will include:

- An amphitheatre with tiered seating
- Central artwork pavement
- Grassed terraces and embankments
- Multi purposes sports facilities
- Graded wheelchair access
- Tree canopies
- Lake of Reflection
- Meeting rooms
- Child care centre
- Walkways
- Mobility training tracks
- Sensory and healing gardens

