



## Riding for the Disabled Association

Discussions have continued towards reaching a successful outcome for the Ryde Riding for the Disabled Association.

Representatives from RDA, RRCS, Pacific Capital, Ryde Council and the NSW Department of Planning met in February to progress the relocation of the RDA to a suitable alternative location around the Ryde region.

Two sites have been identified by RRCS and the RDA as being of high priority for the relocation:

- Marsfield Park and
- Dame Eadith Walker Convalescent Hospital at Concord.

RRCS and the RDA have been working cooperatively to advance the relocation and secure RDA's future.



## Suitability of the Site

Geotechnical, contamination and external services investigations have been completed on the RRCS site.

The results of these investigations have provided RRCS with confidence in relation to the suitability of the site for the approved development.

RRCS has submitted the geotechnical report and contamination report to the NSW Department of Planning for review. RRCS is awaiting a response to these submissions. Details of the intended development are expected to be released to the public by the NSW Department of Planning by the middle of 2007.

## Family Medical Centre

RRCS is currently undertaking a series of studies to investigate the viability of including an associated family medical centre with the RRCS development.

The medical centre may include a series of suites to allow local practitioners, imaging services, pharmacists and specialist clinicians to offer their services to RRCS clients as well as the general public.

## Recreational amenity is part of our vision



## Community Consultation

For development updates, please refer to the RRCS website at [www.royalrehab.com.au](http://www.royalrehab.com.au).

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# Redevelopment Update

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## Progress in recent months

Planning continues on the project to develop the Centre's 18 hectare site to accommodate a 21st century medical campus, a suite of new recreational facilities for public and client use, and a range of residential buildings.



## New Centre Design

RRCS has appointed an expert health facility designer to assist with the finalisation of the design for the state-of-the-art rehabilitation centre.

The new centre will deliver greater community benefit:

- A platform for world class rehabilitation activities, both onsite and off-site
- Off-site programs and facilities to enable the RRCS to extend services further into the community
- A substantial increase in day programs and out-patient services
- Rehabilitation in-the-home services

## Traffic Calming

The proposed scope of works for traffic calming and improvements for vehicular and pedestrian access are as follows. The works take into account the findings of the Geoplan Study and the Tennyson/ Putney Local Area Traffic Plan (LATM):

- Roundabouts at the intersections of Morrison Road with Princes Street, Payten Street and Douglas Street
- Roundabout at the intersection of Charles Street and the site access
- Roundabout at the intersection of Princes Street and Cowell Street
- Four traffic calming devices on Morrison Road and Charles Street at the approaches to Putney Shopping Centre. Some road narrowing and contrasting pavement to create an entry statement and slow traffic
- Reconstruction of existing painted T-intersection treatment at the intersection of Princes Street and Linley Way with concrete islands
- Extension of line marking in Charles Street from Kenneth Street to Henry Street
- Construction of a traffic calming device in Charles Street between Henry Street and Kenneth Street



Two independent traffic reports have confirmed projected additional traffic generation can be accommodated and will not significantly affect the amenity of the area.

The NSW Department of Planning consulted with Ryde City Council prior to the Minister's approval of the Concept Plan.

The Director-General's Environmental Assessment Report for the Concept Plan noted that "Council considers the increases in traffic to be relatively minor compared to existing traffic flows on Morrison Road, Charles Street and Victoria Road".

## Traffic Works in Victoria Road

The consent issued by the NSW Department of Planning for the approved development does not require the provision of traffic signals along Victoria Road. Access to the site from Victoria Road would be limited to left turns in and out.

The consent does require the provision of a left turn deceleration lane and that a road safety audit be undertaken to review the possible weave manoeuvre of traffic exiting the site and turning right into Irvine Street. These conditions were determined on the basis of advice from the RTA.

With respect to the possible weave manoeuvre, the road safety audit found that the potential for this to occur is small and should it occur there are sufficient gaps in the westbound flow along Victoria Road for it to be undertaken with minimal risk.

The scope of works on Victoria Road involve:

- Separate left-hand entry with deceleration lane to, and left-hand exit from the RRCS site on Victoria Road
- Relocation of bus stop and amenities on Victoria Road
- Lengthening of right hand turning bay to Charles Street on Victoria Road

Discussions have been held on a possible Victoria Road overpass with disabled access, at a location to be determined by RRCS, Ryde City Council and the RTA. These discussions are continuing.

## Pedestrian Network, Cycleways and Bus-stops



- The RRCS Concept Plan shows the location of the roads and the indicative locations for cycleways and pedestrian networks, both on the roads and through the parks
- Final positioning of the pedestrian network, cycleways, bus-stops, and the pedestrian amenities at the bus-stops will be determined at the subsequent Project Application stage for the residential precincts within the site
- The road hierarchy has been established in the approved RRCS Concept Plan
- Varying road standards will relate to the hierarchy of the roads, and the AMCORD standards will be used in accordance with the conditions of approval of the RRCS Concept Plan
- Ryde City Council's request for traffic relating to the hospital component of the site only to be allowed ingress and egress from Morrison Road and that all traffic relating to the residential component of the site to be granted ingress and egress from Victoria Road only was reviewed. This was despite it not being a condition of the Concept Plan approval
- It is considered that separating the two components of the site would represent a poor traffic planning solution, as it would reduce flexibility in access to both components, limit access to the residential component and reduce integration of the two components