



Photo: Adult Rehabilitation Services staff from Coorabel/Dixson Unit.

Accreditation Certificate for ROYAL REHAB

Heather McDonald, Executive Manager from The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) have presented their Accreditation Certificate to the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney.

The Accreditation Certificate was accepted by the CEO, Peter Williamson, who said: "ROYAL REHAB has been continuously accredited since 1992, and we value this acknowledgment. Accreditation recognises improvements in care, services, and communication. Recognition was given to the high standard of care and attentiveness to clients and residents and the needs of the families."

"Moving forward we are at the cutting edge of what can be done world-wide, and our new facilities will provide us with opportunities to set new benchmarks for the quality of care and rehabilitation service offered at ROYAL REHAB."

The Accreditation presentation also provided an opportunity to showcase the Weemala Art Exhibition. Artists contributed 76 works displaying the range of skills and expression produced from the various Recreational Therapy programs conducted at ROYAL REHAB. Visitors and staff had the opportunity to meet the Artists and view their works, representing the Spinal Unit, Assistive Technology, and the residents and clients of Weemala.

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LETTERS

Air brush spin at Rehab centre

Dear Sir,

I look with interest at the 'Utopia' being created by the air brush spin doctors at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre in their recent update (TWT 30/5).

It is amazing how the artists impression has the smoggy skyline of Beijing that hides units three, four, five and six storeys high. Why? This must be from the 4,500 cars per day that the unit development will generate onto our roads, despite 3000 signatures, and 1500 people marching against the overdevelopment.

Does it say that the new state-of-the-art centre will have only 64 beds when it has had as many as 240 beds?

Does the update state that there is still no home for Riding for the Disabled? Or that the residents of Weemala are being kicked out with no certainty of what suburb they will be living in?

Before the RRCS directs traffic onto RTA roads with traffic lights, instead of local roads, do they need another death on Morrison Road before the centre looks at spending 0.04 per cent of the \$58 million proceeds that the Department of Planning estimates the centre will receive from the sale of the development?

ROLF CLAPHAM
 Coalition Against Private Overdevelopment CAPO

Dear Sir,

I write in response to the Royal Rehab Update.

So great to see a pretty picture of an artificial lake as recreational. Did you know the lake's maintenance cost is funded by ratepayers? The caretaker is Ryde City Council.

Do not believe the pretty picture because any major developer can buy this land and change the concept plan with or without public consultation i.e. at the Planning Minister's discretion.

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What happened to the decelerating lane which was approved by the RTA and Ryde Council at the 1996/DA approved re: the Hotel Conference, Sizlers Restaurant and Conference which proposed 276 car spaces?

The redevelopment of 960 dwellings at 1.75 carspaces equals 1,732.5 cars at an approximate minimum of eight car movements per day, equals 13,860 car movements per day from the site.

This equation excludes the hospital patrons and its visitors ... and no doubt will generate a fish tail of traffic accessing the Victoria Road entrance particularly at peak hour. A far more intensive development than formerly.

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