



Busselton Health Campus Project Update

July 2011



Project Planning on Schedule

A new milestone for the Busselton Health Campus redevelopment has been reached with the completion of the Project Definition Plan. The Plan has now been submitted for endorsement and this is expected in August.

The purpose of the Project Definition Plan is to communicate a clear understanding of the Project objectives and provide the plan

for implementation. The Project Definition Plan describes the systems and infrastructure required to deliver the services for the Busselton Health Campus in line with the WA Health Clinical Services Framework 2010-2020. The end of the Project Definition Plan phase is a step towards completion of planning and provides the basis for more detailed design work in the future.

From a health service delivery perspective the Functional Brief is the most important part of

the Project Definition Plan. The Functional Brief describes the services, models of care and activities to be performed at the Busselton Health Campus, key design requirements and how departments should be located in relation to one another. The Functional Brief clearly identifies how the project meets the planned objectives and includes a schedule of accommodation for every area in the new Busselton Health Campus.

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Planning for transition from the beginning

The development of the Busselton Health Campus is much more than just constructing a building.

Although the new health campus will not be open for business until 2014, the project team has already commenced planning for the transition from the old facility to the new facility.

This work involves getting ready for the physical move to the new facility as well as preparing for changes to the way services will operate after the move.

In recognition of the amount of work required, Coastal Hospital Operations Manager Rory Stemp has recently taken on the full time role of Busselton Health

Campus Redevelopment Project Coordinator.

“From now on, the project team will be focussing on an effective transition as well as building the facility,” said Mr Stemp.

“We will continue to work closely with staff and stakeholders so that the campus can meet the expectations and needs of the local community.”

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The Functional Brief for the new Busselton Health Campus was developed with user groups from each service area involved in the redevelopment. This included consultation with local general practitioners.

WA Country Health Service South West Regional Director Grace Ley, has been impressed with the level of involvement by staff.

“I’m very impressed with the standard of the Functional Brief and extremely grateful to the many staff who worked so hard to complete this work,” Mrs Ley said.

“There will be a period now where our user groups can take a deep breath, but we will be calling them all back in once we commence schematic design and detailed room data sheets later in the year.

“As they will already be familiar with the process and the Functional Brief, we will be able to get off to a running start.”



Pictured above are some members of the Emergency Department User Group.

From left to right: Dr Phil Chapman (Staff Specialist), Mary-Rose Godsell (Infection Control Nurse), Nicole Hadley (A/ED Coordinator), Dr Sandra Rennie (Staff Specialist), Kristen Green (A/District Manager), Sue Van Uden (Older Patient Initiative Coordinator), Ros Hamdorf (Registered Nurse) and Julie Breen (Occupational Health and Safety Officer).

Environmental approvals applications lodged

Another project milestone was reached when three environmental approval applications were lodged in mid June.

An application for a Native Tree Clearing Permit has been made to the WA Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the decision from DEC is pending.

A Referral of a Proposal has been made to the WA Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The EPA has made the decision not to assess

as the assessment of the proposal can be managed under the DEC Native Tree Clearing Permit.

A Referral of Proposed Action has been made to the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPC). DSEWPC have determined that the proposed action will be a controlled action.

The WA Country Health Service has been working with environmental consultants for several years

to develop the knowledge and understanding required to mitigate the environmental impact of the redevelopment.

The potential environmental concerns and mitigation proposals have been discussed with local environmental interest groups and the Shire of Busselton. The project team hopes that the package of mitigations will not only offset the impact of the project on the site, but lead to an overall improvement in the environment.

Busselton Hospital's Amazing Auxiliary

Members of the Busselton Hospital Auxiliary have met with the project team to outline the requirements for their shop in the new Busselton Health Campus.

The Auxiliary is a voluntary organisation that operates the hospital shop selling knitted and crocheted items, food and drinks. All profits are used for the benefit of hospital patients. Incredibly, the average age of Auxiliary members is 75 years.

If you know someone who is having a baby this is the perfect place to shop for a gift. Not only will you get an exquisitely knitted item, you will also get it at a great price and support the Busselton Hospital. Members of the Auxiliary make the beautiful quilts in the maternity rooms and recently purchased a bath bed for the hospital.



Top row: Thelma Sawyer, Gordon & Nita Strong, Stella Winter, Elma Castle, Ngarie Gibbs & Rory Stemp (Busselton Health Campus Redevelopment Coordinator). Front row: Jim Zimdahl, Marjory Tomlinson, Eileen Zimdahl, Flo Zahra & Glen Scott.

The members of the Auxiliary were very pleased to meet with the project team as they had feared that there would be no room for their shop in the new campus. They

were reassured that the work of the Auxiliary was highly valued and that the new shop would meet their requirements.

First Community Reference Group Meeting

The first meeting of the Busselton Health Campus Community Reference Group was held on 14 April 2011. Grace Ley, Regional Director of WA Country Health Service South West, opened the inaugural meeting.

WA Country Health Service Director of Infrastructure, Rob Pulsford, outlined the complexities of planning and delivering the large capital infrastructure investment in health in the State.

Rory Stemp, Operations Manager – Coastal Hospitals, provided a comprehensive overview of the Busselton Health Campus redevelopment project and the floor was opened for questions. There was great participation and lively discussion with a good mix of view points and interests represented.

“I’m really happy with the way the first community reference group meeting went,” Mrs Ley said.

“The diverse opinions and high level of participation indicates that this group represents a good cross section of the community.

“This is exactly what we were hoping for as it is one of the ways we can hear and respond to what the community is thinking.”

Mrs Ley said the minutes of the meeting would be posted to the website and would include a record of the questions and answers discussed during the meeting.

The Community Reference Group will meet at least quarterly or more often as required.



From left to right: Don Punch (SW Regional Development Commission), Creena Holly (Community Representative), Naomi Searle (Busselton Shire), Lisa Shreeve (Community Representative), David Barton (Ministerial Representative), Doug Horsford (Busselton Chamber of Commerce), Yvonne Robinson (GP Down South), Liz Jones (District Health Advisory Committee) and Jeff Falconer (Proxy representative for environment).

Project timeline

Early 2011	User Groups Formed	✓
Early 2011	Community Reference Group Formed	✓
Mid 2011	Completion of blue print for services	✓
Mid 2011	Functional Brief	✓
Mid 2011	Concept Master Plan	✓
Mid 2011	Project Definition Plan	✓
Mid 2011	Submission of Environmental Approvals	✓
Mid 2011	Lead Consultant (Request for Proposal)	✓
Mid - late 2011	Final Master Plan	
Mid - late 2011	Detailed design work commences	
2012	Awarding of tenders	
2012	Construction commences	
2014	Construction completed	
2014	Busselton Health Campus opens	

For more information

For more information or to register your feedback about the development of the Busselton Health Campus please contact the WA Country Health Service – South West at busseltonhealthcampus@health.wa.gov.au or on (08) 9752 6311.