



Clarence Integrated Care Centre (ICC) and GP Super Clinic Project Update – August/September 2010

Building Works - Progress

Building works have progressed well over the past month:

- The footings and support structure for the concrete slab for the GP Super Clinic reception and waiting areas have been completed and the slab for this area poured.
- The centre's power supply was relocated on Sunday August 8th which allowed for the basement to be excavated and the centre stormwater main to be installed.
- General plumbing and running of electrical backbone has been occurring.
- On site plants have been cleared, with the two large gum trees to the North East corner of the site being retained following consultation with the community.
- A temporary path has been installed to provide a sealed surface for clients who use The Hall for evening meetings, and lighting has been improved in this area.

The schedule over the next few weeks includes:

- Further excavation work for footing installation and then pouring of slabs for the main client waiting/departure area and main entrances, down to the physiotherapy and gymnasium spaces.
- Footings for the slabs in the basement to be constructed.
- Pre-cast concrete panels to be installed for the internal walls of the basement.
- The existing entrance to the centre to be widened to improve vehicle access to the centre.

Since commencement of the building program, the only significant delays to the building process were two days lost due to the heavy rain that occurred on August 11th which delayed the pouring of the first concrete slabs.

With construction now underway, the Clarence ICC Project User Group has been re-established and will meet monthly on site to work through the detailed functionality of the spaces for each service in the ICC.

Community Information Sessions

Information sessions for the Clarence Community are continuing, with recent sessions held for the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and the Lindisfarne School for Seniors.

A general information session about the project was held for patients of the Risdon Vale Medical Practice on Thursday July 29th. A lot of questions were asked at the session and it was agreed to schedule another session during the day at the Neighbourhood House in the coming months.

One of the questions raised related to access to pathology services for Risdon Vale residents. The project team have consulted with the Royal Hobart Hospital's CentrePath Pathology and are currently working through opportunities



for CentrePath to deliver a service one day a week in Risdon Vale. This negotiation will depend on being able to meet pathology's space requirements and regulations.

Facility Information Sessions

Information sessions to take staff through the facility's design and layout, and the building staging process are continuing.

A session was held for Oral Health Services staff on August 16th. A session for Mental Health Services is scheduled for September 15th.

Service Model

Work is continuing to scope current and future services to be provided from the ICC, with a focus on opportunities for service integration. It is anticipated that this work will be finalised and collated within the coming weeks. Multidisciplinary workshops are also underway. The CICC Operations Group have commenced work on an Implementation Plan. This will be distributed to the Clarence Service Managers next month at their regular meeting for their input.

Change Management Workshops

The final change management workshop was held on July 20th. Lorraine Millar attended the final workshop to thank the Change Advocates for their attendance, enthusiasm, and commitment to undertaking the role of Change Advocate within their service area.

Sally Williams and Lorraine have now begun attending the monthly Clarence Service Manager's meeting to keep the work of the Change Advocates progressing forward.

Interprofessional Practice & Learning

A meeting was held on August 23rd with representatives from the University of Tasmania (UTAS) to begin discussions around interprofessional practice and learning (IPL) and how this might work in the ICC's. DHHS will continue to work with UTAS in the coming months to further progress the IPL agenda in terms of identifying potential funding sources to support IPL in the ICC's, and opportunities for IPL through undergraduate and postgraduate programs, new and existing courses, conjoint appointments, and postgraduate research degrees.

Further information

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