



Hospital Redevelopment |

About Our Hospital

Longueville Private Hospital is a 38-bed medical facility located at 47 Kenneth Street Longueville.

Longueville Private Hospital started as a hospital to care for returning War Veterans in the 1960s. Today the hospital provides medical and rehabilitation care. Our patients' average age is 78 years, and they spend an average of 22 Days with us before being discharged. Our main goal is to optimise their reconditioning progress, allowing them to remain in familiar surroundings, thus preventing re-hospitalisation and enabling a return to their homes and local community.

The Development Summary

We are seeking to increase accommodation for patients to 54 beds and invest in the expansion of the rehabilitation gymnasium and hydrotherapy pool.

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The proposed redevelopment will provide the community of Lane Cove, with greater access to urgently needed overnight rehabilitation/medical beds and offer extensive allied health treatments. The redevelopment will ensure we meet the current health design and aesthetic standards, enabling high-quality care to be provided to the people of Longueville and surrounding suburbs. The new Hydrotherapy pool will be of world-class standard.

Community Needs

- **Our current need to increase accommodation and rehabilitation facilities has already come under increasing demand as the community continues to grow and age.** As of the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census, 17% of the population in Longueville and 16.3% of the North Shore are 65 and over. Another 17.7% in Longueville are aged between 50-59 years, which indicates an increased proportion of the population will be over the age of 65 in 10 years. Hardes Data provided by NSW Health reports that Admission forecasts trends to 2032 show further increases inpatient admissions in the catchment. From 2022 to 2032 there will be a 2.7% increase in sub-acute/rehabilitation, approximately 864 admissions extra per annum by 2032. This increased demand over time is alarming given the current bed shortages the community is already experiencing today.
- **Our patients with private health insurance are covered for their stay and rehabilitation programs, meaning there are often no extra fees.** According to data from the Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC) for the June quarter of 2021, the LGAs including Longueville and surrounding areas have the highest percentage of NSW residents with private health insurance. 64% of Longueville residents have Private Health, vs the average in NSW of 45.2%. It would be expected by people paying for private health to have access to facilities at Longueville Private Hospital with enhanced accommodation and allied health facilities we are seeking through this development.

Hospital Accommodation Upgrades

Our development will increase patient beds from 38 to 54. There will be 18 new private rooms created.

- **Longueville Private, overtime has become less compatible with the needs of the community and modern healthcare standards due to its format of shared accommodation and limited private accommodation.** The hospital's accommodation is mainly shared rooms, there are also some very small private rooms. Based on room ratio and patient volume, 88% of patients stay in a shared room.
- **Longueville Private has consistently had all private rooms full while running shared rooms at lower capacity. This is due to multiple factors including infection control.** The recent Covid epidemic and resultant enhancement of infection control guidelines require more private rooms to physically separate at-risk patients. Longueville Private is unable to absorb a high volume of patients seeking beds from RNSH due to minimal accommodation currently available in private single rooms.
- **There is now an undersupply of Private patient rehabilitation beds on the lower North Shore due to Hospitals closing in the area.** RNSH (Royal North Shore Hospital) is the closest major public and emergency hospital in the catchment, Longueville Private is the closest Rehab hospital to RNSH. RNSH reports a shortage of private hospital rehab beds in the area with wait times of over 7 days, this situation has become critical now that Greenwich and Hirondele Hospitals have closed their rehab wards. Approximately 80 beds will close, this is close to half of all beds in the catchment! This will put major demand on RNSH and the Emergency Department with no suitable local hospital to discharge to.
- **Private rooms and space for guests enable greater hospitality and and become a very positive factor for patients recovering.**

Allied Health Facilities Upgrades

With Chronic diseases increasing across the community, there is a direct demand for rehabilitation programs and we need to expand our facilities to provide greater access to therapies for our patients, including a new hydrotherapy pool.

- **Longueville Private Hospital Allied Health Services are in demand for private patients to support inpatient therapies along with day only rehab patients.** Longueville Private Hospital's development will provide enlarged facilities and access to allied health professionals. Our allied health teams include Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Cardiac Nurses, Social Workers and Exercise Physiologists. These healthcare professionals provide patients with physical and mental therapies as we help patients build their physical and mental strength. A key part of our successful patient rehabilitation outcomes is our investment in needed facilities.
- **There is a large undersupply of Hydrotherapy Pool in the lower North Shore with limited pools available for hydrotherapy treatments within private or public hospitals.** Hydrotherapy pools have been proven to help patients start rehabilitation sooner and are more intense than using a gym system. Hydrotherapy Pools differ from standard pools in that they have high levels of water purity and clarity, they are comfortable temperatures (32.5°C – 33.5°C) all year round, and have enhanced access to allow patients to enter the pool safely. Water therapies have proven to lower injury rates more than non-water therapies. These pools enable recovery/rehabilitation for many conditions including; management of back pain, management of neck pain, post-joint replacement rehabilitation, orthopaedic rehabilitation, sports injuries, low back and pelvic pain, exercise for weight control.

Redevelopment Plans – Questions & Answers

Patient Trends

- **What % of patients are from the Lane Cove LGA?** In 2022, our patient analysis revealed that 71% of patients were from our local community, primarily concentrated in nearby areas. Specifically, 42% resided in postcodes 2060-2072, 16% in postcodes 2110-2113, and 13% in postcodes 2088-2090.
- **What will happen if the hospital expansion is not approved?** Patients will be rejected from being able to access Longueville Private Hospital, this will force them to travel to more remote hospitals like Hunters Hill, Dee Why, Turramurra, and Warriewood, making their journey to healthcare more challenging. The delay in finding a rehab bed will increase pressure and length of stay in acute referring hospitals and potentially impact patient recovery.

Accommodation

- **How many patient beds are there now?** There are 38 now, this will increase to 54.

Staffing

- **How many extra staff will this development need?** There will be approximately 6 extra staff on site per day shift, less on evening and night shifts compared to today.

Traffic

- **How many new car parks will be on-site?** There will be 4 additional at-grade car parking spaces including 1 accessible space.
- **Will the ambulance still park on Kenneth St?** No, all ambulance drop-offs and pick-ups will be relocated from Kenneth St to our driveway access point on Christina Street.
- **How many day rehabilitation patients drive and need parking?** Patients attending day rehabilitation sessions often do not drive due to their medical condition. They utilize transportation services such as community services, Uber, taxis, or rely on family/friends.
- **How many new rehabilitation patients will visit the hydrotherapy pool?** The hydrotherapy pool will accommodate up to 4 additional patients per rehab group session Monday – Friday.

Hydrotherapy Pool

- **There are local hydrotherapy pools nearby; why can't you use these?** Our patients' private health coverage usually fully funds access to our pool as part of the day rehabilitation program. However, local pools would have associated costs. We specialise in supervised and individual tailed allied health hydrotherapy programs to enhance the recovery of our patients.

Building Heights & Set Backs

- **Are the building setbacks within council guidelines?** Yes setbacks are minimum of 2 metres and we are proposing 3 metres from the boundary around the rehab centre.
- **Is the building height within guidelines?** Yes the proposed new level is within the height guidelines, it is in fact lower than neighbouring properties.

Neighbour Privacy

- **What privacy will be added to the designs for the neighbours and patients?** New fencing around the hospital will be installed to provide mutual privacy to pedestrians and for our guests as they enjoy our gardens. All windows installed will include screening to provide mutual privacy to our guests and neighbour.

Architect's Designs Showing The Proposed Streetscape



Perspective View From Kenneth St & Christina St Intersection



Perspective From View Christina St Walkway



Perspective View From Lorna Leigh Ln



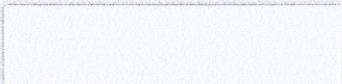
Perspective View From Kenneth Street

Healthcare Community Letters Of Support

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Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee – Dr Janice Newton

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"There are limited hydrotherapy pools in the lower north shore, these do not currently meet demand and there is a growing need... As a member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association I am also aware that the Aquatic Physiotherapy Interest Group within the association are pressing for more hydrotherapy facilities"

Royal North Shore Physiotherapy Department Head – Dr Gary Rolls

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"From my experience, the introduction of hydrotherapy provides a more wholistic rehabilitation program for my patients receiving slow or fast rehabilitation. This results in better patient outcomes and lower repeat hospital admissions... More private accommodation will also reduce infection spreading..."

Longueville Rehabilitation Doctor – Dr. Moreena Kwa

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We value your feedback

As a community-focused organisation, we are seeking valuable feedback from the community, and the opportunity to educate the community about our hospital services.

We are planning online and onsite meetings to talk with community members in September. Please submit your interest and any questions we can answer below.

Send Us A Message With Your Support Or Your Questions

Or Request A Meeting With Our Team By Completing The Form

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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LONGUEVILLE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to support the proposed redevelopment of Longueville Private Hospital.

I have been a visiting doctor there for over 10 years. I am the Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee.

I am also a Longueville resident for over 20 years.

I have no financial interest in the hospital itself

I am aware of the Community concerns but feel the benefits will greatly outweigh the cons.

The Lower North Shore is in great need of rehabilitation beds. Hironnelle Hospital at Chatswood closed down earlier in 2023 and Greenwich is also shutting down its Rehab beds soon , I understand.

Longueville Hospital needs to increase its capacity and functionality to meet this demand.

Patients in a private hospital expect and deserve a private room. Rehab patients tend to stay for weeks or months so a private room is even more important.

Most rooms at LPH are shared with 2 or 4 patients. Most patients find this unacceptable. Most of the patients are elderly and may become confused at night which is also unacceptable if you are sharing their room.

Private rooms decrease infection spread eg Covid 19 and Influenza.

Longueville Hospital also runs Day Rehab and Cardiac Rehab programs. This is a great facility for local residents who do not require hospitalisation. Its use should be encouraged.

The physiotherapy Dept needs a hydrotherapy pool to improve Rehabilitation outcomes.. Many houses in Longueville have a pool so this should not be an issue.

Many houses in Longueville are 2 stories and the hospital will be no taller than these.

There has been a lot of input into the design so the street frontage is attractive and in keeping with the rest of the street.

Overlook to back yards has also been taken into consideration.

Parking should be no greater issue than it is already. We encourage all visitors to use the street parking associated with the local churches to avoid issues.

Ambulances will now arrive at a back entrance which has been an issue with local residents in the past.

I am happy to discuss any issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely

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Letter of Support
Longueville Private Hospital Redevelopment

To Whom it may concern,

I am a Physiotherapist, and I am the Head of the Physiotherapy Department at Royal North Shore Hospital.

I am in support for the development of additional hydrotherapy pools, in this instance at Longueville Private Hospital. There are limited hydrotherapy pools in the lower north shore, these do not currently meet demand and there is growing need.

In my opinion rehabilitation programs require hydrotherapy for the following reasons:

- 1) there are unique benefits conferred through rehabilitation in purpose built hydrotherapy facilities
- 2) aquatic physiotherapy has a strong evidence base supporting effectiveness

As I am a member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association I am also aware that the Aquatic Physiotherapy Interest Group within the association are pressing for more hydrotherapy facilities.

Please contact me with any questions,

Yours sincerely

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19/8/22

To whom it may concern,

I am a Rehabilitation physician working actively with the Longueville and North Shore community for 5 years. I am in support for the development of more allied health facilities and private accommodation at Longueville private.

More private accommodation will help patients in several ways including higher quality accommodation that allows guests to spend more time with the patient. Private accommodation will also reduce infection spreading which can have severe impacts on patients, especially geriatric, and prevent the patients participating in their rehabilitation program.

From my experience, the introduction of hydrotherapy provides a more wholistic rehabilitation program for my patients receiving slow or fast rehabilitation. This results in better patient outcomes and lower repeat hospital admissions.

There is evidence that hydrotherapy improves rehabilitation outcomes especially with patients with joint problems and pain management. There are limited facilities to provide efficient hydrotherapy rehabilitation in this area, so this planned development will be beneficial for the hospital's healthcare.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Moreena Kwa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Moreena Kwa