

# Transforming Health News

Welcome to the August edition of Transforming Health News.

This publication will be issued regularly to keep you up-to-date on the progress of Transforming Health and provide further information about key milestones.

## New Veteran mental health precinct and PTSD Centre for Excellence site announced

An expert advisory panel including clinicians, Veteran representatives, consumers and carers has recommended Glenside Health Service Campus as the site for the new Veterans' mental health precinct including the Centre for Excellence for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

As part of *Delivering Transforming Health – Our Next Steps*, it was announced that \$15 million would be invested to establish a new state-of-the-art Centre for Excellence for Veterans to replace the ageing facility at the Repatriation General Hospital.

The panel assessed a number of locations based on specific criteria, before recommending Glenside Health Service Campus as the best location for Veteran mental health services in South Australia.

Glenside Health Service Campus is centrally located, can provide a private environment and has car parking, public transport links and access to recreational, community and garden spaces as well as other on-site inpatient care.

The new facility will provide world-class infrastructure that embraces innovation and takes full advantage of technology and medical advances. The facility's flexibility will allow the challenges of the future to be met.

Glenside Health Service Campus also offers opportunities to build upon the expertise, dedication, culture and traditions of existing Ward 17 services, and bring together clinical leaders, academic researchers and Veteran support groups.

Potential partnerships will also be explored with Commonwealth and Non-Government organisations such as the Returned and Services League (RSL) and Soldier On, to develop a one-stop-shop for Veterans.

While Ward 17 has served Veterans well in the past, the new facility at Glenside will be able to serve the needs of current and future Veterans for many years to come.

A portion of the Glenside Health Service Campus will be dedicated to Veterans' mental health service. It will also be renamed and have a separate access point to the main campus to provide a distinct area for Veterans.

Work will now take place to develop the governance and workforce models for the new service in consultation with staff.

A copy of the expert advisory panel report is available online at [www.transforminghealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.transforminghealth.sa.gov.au)



Concept image: New centre for PTSD at Glenside Health Service Campus.

## The future of the Repat site

The Repatriation General Hospital has a long and proud history of serving Veterans and the wider community and the State Government wants to ensure the site remains an asset for all South Australians. That's why the State Government has committed to ensuring the site will be used for healthcare, ageing and community related purposes.

A Registration of Interest process was held from 21 April to 22 May 2015 to identify future uses for the site in keeping with its history and which will complement the services and historic buildings which will remain.

Thirty registrations were received, mainly from health, aged care and education providers, and from community organisations. The strong response highlights the potential community benefits and innovative opportunities that a renewed site could provide.

The Chapel, Museum and the Remembrance Garden will be retained for their considerable significance,

particularly to Second World War Veterans and their families, and will be central to planning for future use of the site. Orthotics and Prosthetics SA, the ViTA facility and the Flinders University Health Services Building will also continue at the Repat site.

As part of the next steps, community members were invited to have their say on the future use of the site, either at an event held at Mitcham Hawks Football Club on 24 July or online at [www.yoursay.sa.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.sa.gov.au). More than 300 people provided their feedback, before the consultation period closed on 31 July 2015.

The feedback received will be included in the formal Expression of Interest, which will open later this year, for respondents to consider.

Decisions about the future of the site are likely to be made in the first half of 2016.

For more information, visit [www.transforminghealth.sa.gov.au/future-repat](http://www.transforminghealth.sa.gov.au/future-repat)

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## New working party for relocating palliative care services in Southern Adelaide

Under Transforming Health, palliative care services currently provided at Daw House Hospice will transfer to a new location so they can meet the clinical standards of care agreed by our clinicians through the Transforming Health process.

A Clinical Working Party continues to meet regularly to decide on the model of care and recommend where to relocate these services in Southern Adelaide.

Chaired by Professor Paddy Phillips, Chief Medical Officer at SA Health, the Working Party brings together clinical experts, local services, a consumer representative and SA Health staff.

As part of its work, the Working Party has outlined what it considers important in deciding where the services should be located. It is now looking at possible sites, taking into consideration the needs of patients, carers and their families, and all aspects of the model of care. To help inform its recommendations to the State Government,

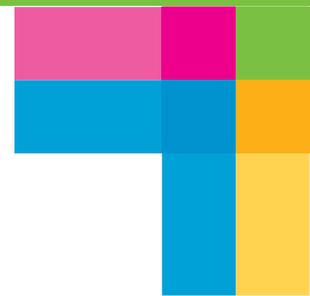
the Working Party will begin reviewing detailed conceptual building designs for possible sites.

In planning the next 50 years of palliative care, it is important to consider the growth of palliative medicine as a specialty and the many recent research-led developments in palliative care treatment.

Major improvements have been made in symptom management, meaning more people can be treated for their symptoms to improve their quality of life.

This means the way we provide palliative care continues to change. The hospice is no longer used only as a place where a person comes to stay at the end of their life; it is now a place where they can receive active symptom management, enabling them to return to the comfort and familiar surroundings of their homes, if possible, and in accordance with their wishes.

This vision is the future of palliative care in Southern Adelaide.



## Preparation underway to deliver Transforming Health

Since the release of *Delivering Transforming Health – Summary*, much work has been done to prepare for the next steps of Transforming Health.

- > A tender process has begun to find an implementation partner to help deliver the healthcare changes.
- > The Ministerial Clinical Advisory Group (MCAG) has been set up to provide clinical leadership and guide how Transforming Health will be put in place. The MCAG is chaired by Transforming Health Clinical Ambassador, Professor Dorothy Keefe. It currently has 28 members from all areas of healthcare from across the state, including doctors, nurses and midwives, and scientific and allied health professionals.
- > Working parties are being set up to plan services in each area where transformation is needed; for example the Palliative Care Services Clinical Working Party.
- > Project workshops have begun the planning processes for the first areas of change including: stroke; acute coronary syndrome – chest pain; rehabilitation services; orthogeriatrics – acute hip fracture management; and after hours senior cover. More than 500 people have attended the workshops so far, including clinicians and consumer representatives.

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## Planning underway to upgrade hospitals

Design teams have started planning more than \$250 million in upgrades at our metropolitan hospitals to build a better health system and bring to life the changes needed to deliver Transforming Health.

Workshops are underway at each hospital site with our doctors, nurses, midwives, allied and scientific health professionals and other staff, to develop the capital projects and seek feedback on the new build concepts.

The largest upgrade will take place at Flinders Medical Centre, where the State Government is investing \$159.5 million to build a new multi-level carpark, an Older Persons' Mental Health Service and a rehabilitation centre, with 55 rehabilitation beds, a new gym and hydrotherapy pool. The existing neonatal unit will also be upgraded.

Noarlunga Hospital will be refurbished, with \$7 million set aside for a dedicated elective day surgery centre and relocation of the dialysis unit. As part of this work, the Community Emergency Department will be reconfigured so it has a dedicated paediatric space for children.

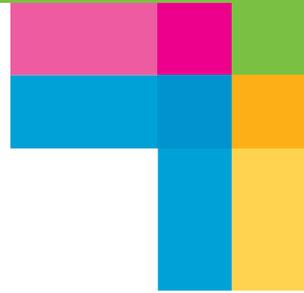
New hydrotherapy pools will be built at Modbury Hospital and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. In a \$20 million upgrade, another level will also be added



*Concept image: Rehabilitation Centre at Flinders Medical Centre.*

to the Allied Health and Rehabilitation Building at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, so allied health and rehabilitation services can be expanded and wards refitted to include new on-ward gymnasiums. Part of the State Government's \$32 million investment at Modbury Hospital will expand rehabilitation services to 52 beds.

All upgrades are scheduled to finish by late 2017.



## Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Forum workshop success

More than 90 people joined the Minister for Health and the Health Consumers Alliance of South Australia (HCA) at a workshop on 7 May to establish the Peak Consumers and Community Engagement Forum and Strategy for Transforming Health.

The HCA is the peak body for health consumers and health consumer organisations in South Australia. It facilitated the workshop and will chair the Peak Consumer and Community Engagement Forum, which will guide and direct engagement with consumer and community groups throughout the implementation of Transforming Health.

The workshop was held to gain information and advice about the first steps needed to establish the Forum. It was an opportunity for attendees to provide advice and feedback about the principles, membership, key actions and recommendations for the Forum.

Ten key principles to guide the work of the Forum were identified at the workshop, including the need to ensure it is consumer centred and directed, accountable for achieving outcomes, and based on authentic partnerships, not tokenism.

Attendees were asked to identify the key selection criteria for membership. They recommended membership include a diverse mix of consumer and community representatives.

During the final activity of the day, participants identified priority actions for the Forum, including

endorsing the key principles; developing an engagement strategy and communications plan; and developing an action plan with goals, timeframes and performance indicators.

In the coming months, SA Health will work with the HCA to confirm the outcomes of the workshop. The Forum held an induction meeting on 29 July and the first official Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 September.

A summary of the workshop and key recommendations for the Forum is available in the [HCA Community Workshop Report](#) at [www.hcasa.asn.au](http://www.hcasa.asn.au)



*Consumer representative, Melissa Cadzow, Minister for Health, Hon Jack Snelling M.P., and CEO of the Health Consumers Alliance of South Australia, Michael Cousins.*

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