

Meeting Minutes – RtS Consultation Meeting with Griffith City Council No. 1

Date and Time	11 August 2021, 12:30 pm – 1:30pm
Venue	Online via Zoom

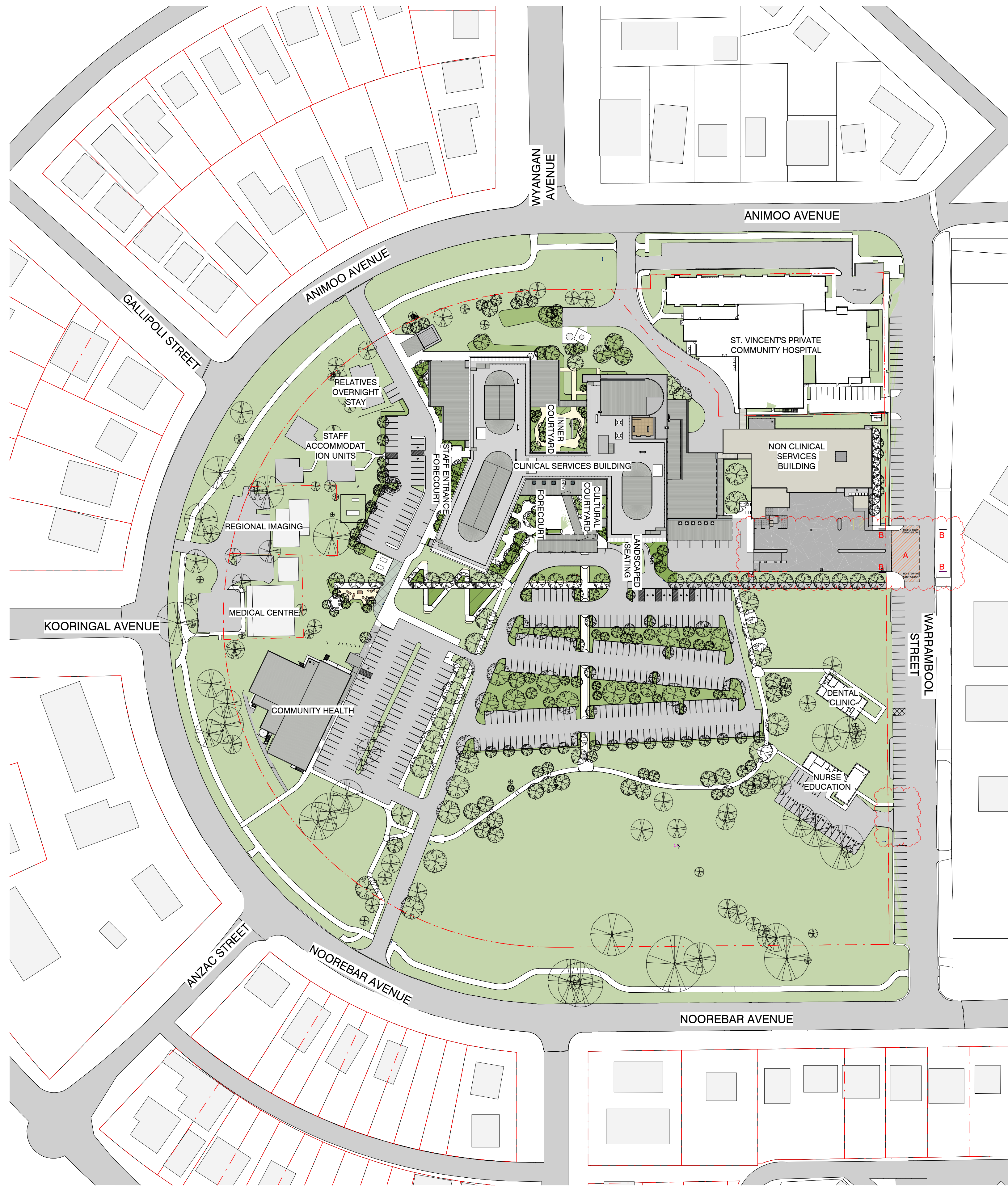
Attendees	Organisation	Role	Present
Nicolas Di Condio (NDC)	Health Infrastructure	Senior Project Director	•
Arjuna Thiru Moorthy (ATM)	Health Infrastructure	Project Director	•
Ricky Gregory (RG)	CBRE	Senior Project Manager	•
Aaron Pau (AP)	PTC	Traffic Engineer	•
Joe Rizzo (JR)	Griffith City Council	Engineering Design & Approvals Manager	•
Greg Balind (GB)	Griffith City Council	Road Safety Officer	•
Jack Griffiths (JG)	Griffith City Council	Engineer	•
Markus Zarins (MZ)	NSW Ambulance	Inspector, Griffith District, Murrumbidgee Zone	•
David Mecham (DM)	NSW Ambulance	WHS Officer, Griffith District, Murrumbidgee Zone	•
Apologies	Organisation	Role	
Carel Potgieter (CP)	Griffith City Council	Planning & Environmental Manager	
Phil Harding (PH)	Griffith City Council	Director Sustainable Development	
Attachments Distributed			
Attachment 1 - PowerPoint Presentation - 200811 GBHR – SSD RtS Meeting w Griffith City Council			
Attachment 2 – SSDA drawing 130565-DJRD-AR-DWG-B36_SSDA 61(2) – Ambulance Entry			
Attachment 3 – Email from Griffith City Council titled “Notice of Exhibition - Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment (SSD-9838218) – Council” dated 28/06/2021			

Minutes

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1.0	Introductions		
1.1	HI-ATM noted apologies and facilitated introductions	Note	
1.2	HI-ATM outlined the aim of the meeting to review concerns raised by Griffith City Council (GCC) in email to DPIE and Health Infrastructure dated 28/06/2021 (attachment 3) in relation to Ambulance movement and access to the new Griffith Base Hospital from Warrambool Street and to reach a consensus on mitigation measures to be implemented.	Note	
2.0	Concerns Raised & Discussion		
2.1	<p><u>Current information and mitigation measures</u></p> <p>The Griffith Hospital Redevelopment Team outlined data from a recent traffic survey conducted between 17/05/21 and 21/05/21 and noted similarities between traffic survey conducted in August 2019 (refer page 3 of attachment 1).</p> <p>HI-ATM noted the data from the traffic survey highlighted that the majority of traffic activity during the school peak hours entered and exited on the eastern side of Warrambool St. to generally facilitate pickup and drop off from the St Patricks Primary school side of the road. The data highlighted a smaller portion of vehicles stopping and parking on the western side (being the hospital side of Warrambool Street).</p> <p>NSWA-MZ noted that the use of sirens are universally accepted as a mitigation measure for warning immediate surroundings to include vehicles and pedestrians in raising awareness of an emergency vehicle approaching.</p>	Note	
2.2	<p><u>Concerns raised and Griffith City Council (GCC) suggestions</u></p> <p>GCC email on 28/06/21 (attachment 2) raises concerns in relation to pedestrians to include primary school children activity and increased vehicle activity around the school and church during school peak times (drop off/ pick up) and funerals.</p> <p>GCC-JR raised that traffic increases significantly during large funerals at the Sacred Heart church, which could create issues for the use of emergency vehicle on Warrambool Street.</p> <p>NSWA-MZ noted that the daily average for ambulance movements to the Griffith Base Hospital was in the order of a dozen (12) movements per day, with most of those movements being non urgent / non critical, and therefore do not require the ambulance to move at speed (hot).</p>		

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	<p>NSWA-MZ noted that the peak school drop off/ pick up flow along Warrambool St had a high level of predictability and that NSW is able to train drivers to ensure risks are mitigated in the event of a hot incident, which would be a minority of events, to ensure the public, including school children are protected from risk of collision.</p> <p>GCC suggestions of a kerb side warning device, signage or a separate entry point on Noorebar Avenue.</p> <p>HI-ATM noted that the new Griffith Base Hospital design provides for a separate public entry on Noorebar Avenue. The emergency vehicle entry is for exclusive use by NSW, preventing public vehicles mixing and impeding emergency vehicles. This also and provides greater privacy to emergency services as well as for patients as there is no cross over with public drop off zones.</p> <p>HI-ATM noted the emergency vehicle entry off Warrambool Street is the shortest distance to the emergency department and triage.</p>		
2.5	<p><u>Additional mitigation measures (refer page 5 of attachment 1)</u></p> <p>HI-ATM proposed the following additional mitigation measures to be implemented;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signage on both sides of Warrambool Street 2. Painted chevron and wording (no stopping, keep clear) on Warrambool Street 3. Education campaign with St Patricks Primary school to include students and parents. 	Note	
2.6	<p><u>Possible mitigation measures (refer page 6 of attachment 1)</u></p> <p>HI-ATM outlined further possible mitigation measures that could be implemented;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fence along eastern kerb (St Patricks primary school side) on Warrambool Street – This was not supported by GCC as it reduces the length of the school drop off / pickup zone. 2. Traffic island in the middle of Warrambool Street – This was not supported by GCC as it reduces the functionality of Warrambool Street. 3. Kerb side warning device – this was deemed not ideal by NSW as there is no practical way to operationalise implementation of the warning device for emergency vehicles coming in and there is low need for warning pedestrians about emergency 	Note	

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	<p>vehicles exiting as NSW rarely exit to an emergency and normally go back to the station after an event.</p> <p>4. Pedestrian crossing across Warrambool Street - This was not supported by GCC as it will require a loss of parking along Warrambool St. 35m on either side of the crossing.</p>		
3.0	Outcomes Agreed		
3.1	<p>The following additional mitigation measures are to be implemented as per attached drawing 130565-DJRD-AR-DWG-B36_SSDA 61(2) (attachment 2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Four (4) double sided warning signs on both sides of Warrambool Street to raise awareness and warn the public to be cautious as emergency vehicles are in operation in the area. Actual locations to be agreed with NSW and GCC prior to ambulance entrance point commissioning in 2024/2025. 2. Painted chevron and wording (no stopping, keep clear) on the western half of Warrambool Street in front of the emergency vehicle entry to the new hospital. 3. Consultation St Patrick's Primary School in running an education campaign for students, staff and parents to raise awareness before the emergency vehicle entry is commissioned for use by NSW. 	HI-ATM	
4.0	Next Meeting		
4.1	ATM noted RFIs can be requested via email	Note	



NOTE:

A. Chevron Painted Zone + No Stopping Messaging to limit Stopping in Warrambool Street

B. Ambulance Entry Signage

ISSUE	DATE	SUBJECT	VALID N°
2	19/08/2021	ISSUE FOR INFORMATION	SH
1	16/08/2021	ISSUE FOR INFORMATION	

