

NEW FOOTSCRAY HOSPITAL PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference



<p>Rationale</p>	<p>The Victorian Government is planning for the health needs of Melbourne’s west, which is expected to see a 60 per cent population growth within the next 20 years.</p> <p>The Victorian Government has committed up to \$1.5 billion to deliver a new 504-bed hospital at 89 Ballarat Road, Footscray to replace the existing Footscray Hospital.</p> <p>To appropriately capture community needs and concerns, the community consultative committee (CCC) will play a key role in representing, leading and supporting community engagement activities throughout the development of the New Footscray Hospital Project (the Project).</p> <p>Taking advantage of existing local networks, the CCC will add significant value to the Project’s community engagement framework and focus on providing advice, identifying issues and actively supporting the engagement process to provide long-term improvements through capacity building within the community.</p>
<p>Background</p>	<p>The current Footscray Hospital was built in the 1950s and is a major tertiary and teaching hospital providing elective and complex surgery, as well as a range of acute, sub-acute and ambulatory services to a primary catchment area comprising the local government areas of Moonee Valley, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong (collectively referred to as the ‘inner west’) as well as the broader Western Melbourne (comprising the Inner West and LGAs of Brimbank, Hume, Melton and Wyndham).</p> <p>Footscray Hospital’s ability to meet demand for health services in the inner west, and to also service the broader western Melbourne area, is being challenged.</p> <p>The Victorian Government has committed up to \$1.5 billion to deliver a new 504-bed hospital at 89 Ballarat Road, Footscray to replace the existing Footscray Hospital.</p>

	<p>The new facility will enable Footscray Hospital to continue to play its role as a large acute and sub-acute hospital for Melbourne’s west and provide significant expansions in mental health, inpatient, palliative care and outpatient services.</p> <p>When opened, the new hospital is expected to cut waiting times and allow almost 15,000 additional patients to be treated, as well as almost 20,000 additional emergency department presentations, each year.</p> <p>It will also allow up to 17,000 western suburbs residents to be redirected from inner-city hospitals back to their local hospital in the west each year, taking pressure off other hospitals and giving patients access to quality care closer to home.</p> <p>The Project is proposed to be procured as a public-private partnership (PPP) under the Partnerships Victoria framework. The construction of the new Footscray Hospital is expected to commence in 2020, with the new hospital scheduled to open its doors in 2025.</p> <p>The consultative committee will engage with key parts of the community, including those actively engaged in the hospital (staff, volunteers, patients, carers, and families) as well as members of the community and Maribyrnong City Council. The committee will have representation from diverse and often marginalised members of the community. These Terms of Reference outline how the committee will operate and fulfil its role.</p>
<p>Purpose and role of the Community Consultative Committee</p>	<p>The role and purpose of the community consultative committee is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work with the Victorian Health and Human Services Building Authority (VHHSBA), local council, local health services and key community advocates to create and support a culture and environment where community involvement is valued and effective • identify opportunities for community involvement and ensure that community members are supported to participate in both the consultation process, as well as the ongoing development of the New Footscray Hospital • understand the views of the community and provide advice to both the project delivery team and the Minister for Health • monitor the emerging issues, concerns, opportunities and priorities of the community related to the development • ensure there is a clear communication between community and the project.
<p>Membership foundation</p>	<p>Foundation membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of Committee appointed by the Minister for Health • Representative(s) of the governing health service • Representative(s) of local community health services • Representative(s) of local council • Representative of the local Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation • Representative of VHHSBA (including the Project Director) <p>In addition, up to 10 additional members representing the diversity of the community will be selected through an expression of interest process. These positions will be advertised via social media and newspaper advertisements.</p> <p>Members will be appointed for a 12 month period. The CCC may be extended beyond this date.</p>
<p>Membership selection</p>	<p>There will be selection criteria for members. These will include (but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • representation from advocates or individuals who represent broader groups that may access the New Footscray Hospital’s services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> representation from advocates or individuals who have an interest in bringing greater vitality to the community through building a thriving health precinct that can support health and wellbeing of the local community. <p>Appointments would be made by the Minister for Health in consultation with the Chair.</p>
Membership responsibilities	<p>Member responsibilities are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> represent their community's perspective in discussions canvas views, opinions and issues from their peers outside the CCC, as required take the non-confidential outcomes of CCC discussions and decisions to their peers promote the work of the CCC as widely as possible be respectful of other CCC members, ensure principles of integrity are maintained, and are accountable with fulfilling their responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Conduct. actively engage with people and / or advocacy groups who may access hospital services to identify relevant issues of public interest or concern in relation to the New Footscray Hospital Project and report these to the CCC. These would include but not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> patients and / or advocacy groups of mental health services patients and / or advocacy groups of alcohol and drug services patients and / or advocacy groups of family safety services advocacy groups and / or parents with a chronically ill child or children patients and / or advocacy groups of physical disability patients and / or advocacy groups of chronic disease services key community ethnic groups local Aboriginal and Torres Islander community LGBTIQ representatives and / or advocacy groups actively engage with service delivery partners sign a Code of Conduct which includes an agreement on confidentiality, conflicts of interest and media protocols.
Meeting frequency	<p>Meetings will be scheduled as required or otherwise determined by the CCC.</p> <p>They will be co-ordinated for efficient reporting and decision-making where appropriate.</p>
Role of VHHSBA	<p>The VHHSBA Project Team and Communications and Engagement unit will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support the Chair in facilitating the effective running of the CCCs provide a framework for community engagement which the CCCs can implement provide support and advice to individual CCC members wherever appropriate to support involvement in appropriate activities.
Resolving problems and disputes	<p>Disagreements and problems will be dealt with in a courteous manner. At all times focus must not be on blame or face-saving activities but in real and satisfactory joint resolution. Further, it is important that any issue is resolved in a timely manner to avoid escalation beyond remedy.</p>
Media enquiries	<p>Internal communications support will be provided by DHHS central communications and the VHHSBA communications team.</p> <p>While the Chair will be the spokesperson for the group to the media and broader community, the VHHSBA's Chief Communications Officer and Project Director must approve all public communications relating to the New Footscray Hospital Project or the work of the CCC.</p> <p>Given that there may be commercial matters presented to the CCC, the Chair and members will be required to comply with the Project's agreed conflict of interest, confidentiality and media protocols.</p>