

Birth Centre Roundtable

The Birth Centre Design Roundtable is a collaborative, fast paced workshop where a cross section of participants with various viewpoints come together to co-create solutions for ACT's first ever Birth Centre as part of the Northside Hospital Project. This creative thinking format allows groups to come up with solutions in a creative and structured environment, problem solve with diverse stakeholder views and are empowered to come up with solutions.

Event overview	Bringing together all interested parties for the first ACT Birth Centre for a Design Roundtable event to build awareness on project progress and approach and to develop design principles and provide input into the initial design.		
What outcomes are we trying to achieve?	• Build awareness for the work to date and progress • Build awareness of the progress of the Model of Care being developed for the introduction of a Birth Centre • Provide a platform for a wide cross section of key stakeholders to provide input into the project and the design • Provide a timeline for next steps		
How will the outcomes be used?	• Develop a set of guiding principles for the Birth Centre design • Develop a comprehensive list of requirements as a starting point • Hear different perspectives to be considered between consumers and clinicians.		
Other directorates/agencies involved	iCBR and Contractors CHS	Spokesperson	Minister for Health – Rachel Stephen-Smith

Target audiences

Primary	• Clinicians and midwives • Maternity in Focus group • Industry key stakeholders and service providers • Patients/Consumers • Birthing with Country group
Secondary	• HCCA • Unions • Media • Research groups and universities

Risks and mitigation

- Lack of agreement of approach for a stand alongside centre
- Lack of understanding of the short term and long-term outcomes
- Alignment of Model of Care to the infrastructure being delivered
- Lack of agreement between clinicians and consumer stakeholders
- Scale of space allocated for this service.

As this is a listening exercise only it will be made clear from the outset that the information provided will need to be considered in a design process and that all outcomes and decisions will be reported back to the group and closed out.

Key messages

- The ACT Government is delivering a new Birth Centre as part of the Northside Hospital Project, providing a modern, safe and person-centred birthing option for families.
- The Birth Centre responds to strong community, clinician and stakeholder advocacy.
- Following the feasibility study the Northside Project team has developed design options for including a Stand Alongside Birth Centre in stage one of the project.
- We are committed to developing the Birth Centre in partnership with midwives, clinicians, consumers and the community to ensure the outcomes of the Birth Centre model are achieved.
- Alongside the planning for the new Birth Centre infrastructure CHS is working through a new Model of Care that supports birthing in a Birth Centre environment.
- This first Design Roundtable session is planned to work with stakeholders in an innovative way to develop design principles and to help shape the look, feel and function of the service.
- *The stand alongside Birth Centre model being developed as part of the Northside Project will act as a trial to understand service model to see how it can then be adapted into a Stand-Alone service somewhere on the site in the long term.*

Action plan

When	What	Responsibility
31 March	Event Plan and approach reviewed and approved by Ministers Office	iCBR, RSS Office
Ongoing	Event Management • Presentation developed • Stations and facilitators confirmed • Bookings – room hire, catering • Materials – flip charts, chairs, pens, AV • Organise Foundational Comms for photos and video of the day	iCBR
7 April	Event invites distributed	iCBR

14 April	Event reminder one	iCBR
24 April	Final chance to join reminder Final lists developed	iCBR
27 April	Internal Event Run Through • Final presentations and speakers notes • Run through event and roles and responsibilities • Key messages	ICBR All
THURSDAY 30 APRIL	BIRTH CENTRE ROUNDTABLE	RSS iCBR Led
Thursday 30 April	Social Media Post Event/Media Release	Foundational Comms Team
Friday 31 April	Thank you email and event photos	
21 May	Outcomes High Level Report including - Design Principles - Requirements - Next steps	For Min Office Review
28 May	Release report to all stakeholders in attendance - Overview pages in designed document - Next steps infographics	Sent to all attendees
June	Co-design sessions - Birthing on Country - New Beginnings CALD group - Consumer - Clinicians	
XX Mid-Year?	First look at first ACT Birth Centre designs - Media release - Project Update to stakeholders - Email to database - Website update - Social media update	

ATTACHMENTS

Event Agenda

Draft presentations

- Project Update
- Models of Care Update

Draft invitations and reminders

Agenda - Birth Centre Design Roundtable

Thursday 30 April 2026

Venue TBC for 50 pax and 5 stations

10am-2pm

Item	Responsibility	Timing
1. Arrive at 9.30am for 10am start – distribute name tags with coloured groups on them.		
2. Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome	Aunty/iCBR	10-10.10am
3. Welcome address – RSS	RSS	10.10am-10.20am
4. Project Update – HB	Hayley Bell	10.20am-10.40am
5. Model of Care Update – CHS	CHS – Liz?	10.40am-11am
6. Introduce the Design Roundtable Sessions including colours, stations and facilitators, explain how the groups will work and when to move groups.	Hayley Bell	11-11.15am
7. Roundtable session - All - Stations and chairs setup around the room with groups of 10 people moving between stations - 15 minutes per station - 1 station is a catering station - Each station is themed and facilitated by iCBR and CHS - There is one station specifically for cultural and Birthing with Country stakeholders. This group will remain at this station	ALL	11.15am-12.30pm
8. Each facilitator provides feedback from the station – 10 minutes each	Facilitators	
9. Wrap up and next steps	Hayley Bell	2pm

Design Stations

Each design station will have a facilitator specific to the topic including iCBR, CHS and Contractors MPX, BVN and ETMP. Each station will be given 20 minutes to discuss the topic and then the group will move on to a new station. This session will run for 1 hour and 10 minutes. One station is a catering station so all groups will have a 20 minute break.

- Station 1 - Must haves v's Nice to haves – design principles
- Station 2 - Family and carer and other needs
- Station 3 - Access to the BC and access within the hospital
- Station 4 - Catering table! Yum!
- Station 5 - Cultural and multicultural considerations – TBC this may be a specific group.

Communications materials

Draft copy for invites and process

1. Email sent to stakeholder list for registrations
2. Email sent to CHS consumer and stakeholder groups
3. People register via a Microsoft Registration Form – name, organisation, mobile, email, dietary reqs
4. The meeting invite is sent using emails in registrations
5. Reminders sent including a reminder with event details the day before – parking etc.

Invitation - Birth Centre Design Roundtable

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 10:00am–2:00pm (arrival from 9:30am)

Venue: TBC

You are invited to take part in the Birth Centre Design Roundtable, a collaborative workshop to help shape the Birth Centre as part of the Northside Hospital Project.

This fast-paced, facilitated session will bring together clinicians, consumers, community representatives, industry partners and stakeholders to co-create design principles and early requirements for the Birth Centre. Through a series of themed design stations, participants will share perspectives, explore ideas and contribute to shaping the look, feel and function of the service.

The Design Roundtable is a listening and co-design exercise. Insights gathered will inform the ongoing design process and will be reported back to participants, along with next steps.

Register now – Registration Form then invite will be sent.

Reminder to register

Reminder to register – Birth Centre Design Roundtable

Don't forget to register for the Birth Centre Design Roundtable on Thursday 30 April 2026, 10:00am–2:00pm.

Join clinicians, consumers and stakeholders to help shape the Birth Centre as part of the Northside Hospital Project.

Registrations are open – we encourage you to secure your place.

Final chance to register

Final call – Birth Centre Design Roundtable

This is your final opportunity to register for the Birth Centre Design Roundtable on Thursday 30 April 2026, 10:00am–2:00pm.

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Registrations close xxxx

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