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Northside Hospital Project

Project Update

**Government Architect
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Project objectives

PROVIDE greater capacity in the public healthcare system in the North of the ACT and across the Territory.

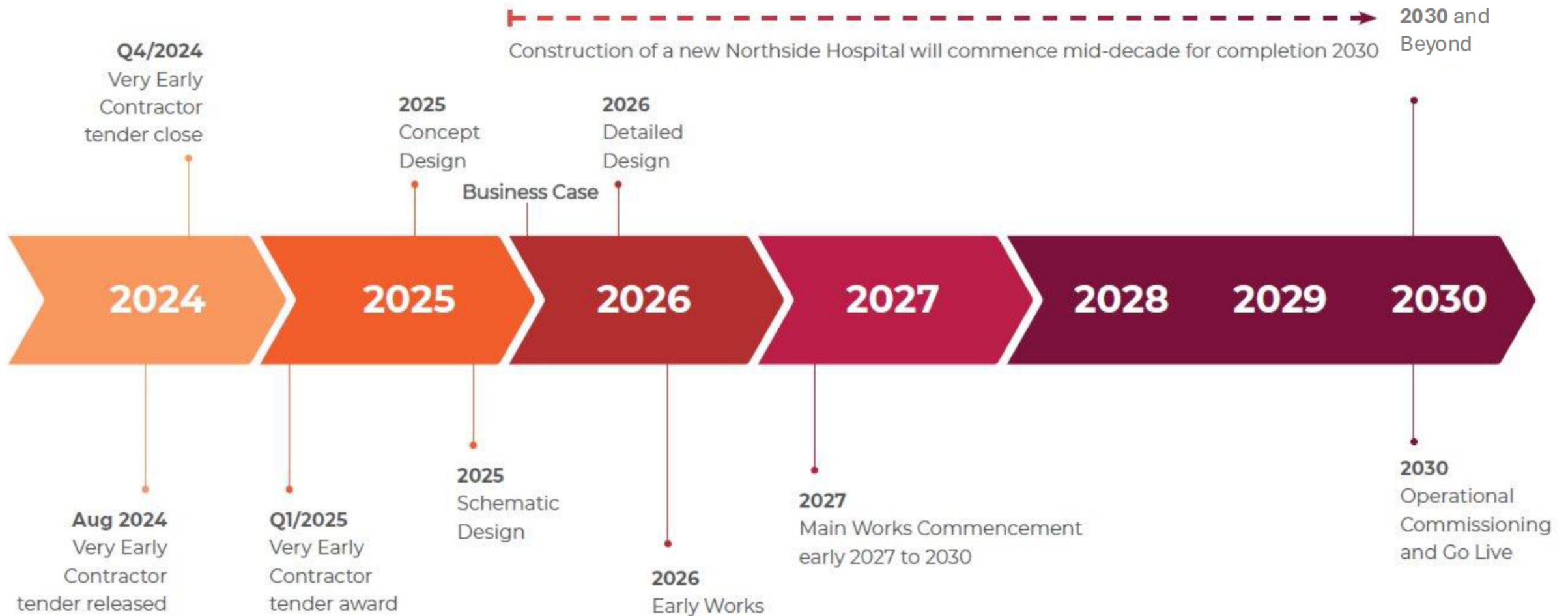
DESIGN a facility which enhances consumer, staff and public experience, while at the same time providing innovation in the design of health infrastructure.

BEST-IN-CLASS health facility, which can be agile and flexible to respond to the everchanging needs of health service.

DELIVER a facility which supports greater alignment of health service delivery across the ACT.

BUILD sustainable and environmentally conscious health infrastructure that is contemporary, safe and appropriate to support the delivery of modern, high- quality healthcare.

Timeline



Status update

Site investigations are underway across the site including ecology, bushfire, geotechnical and hazardous material inspections.

Master planning has been undertaken with a range of masterplan options were considered and assessed against criteria including design, functionality, deliverability and affordability.

Commenced Function Design Brief engagement with clinicians and staff through project user groups

Established and developed initial principles through First Nations and consumer engagement

Concept Design

Finalisation of Business Case

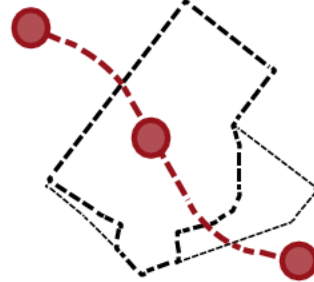
Masterplan principles

Human-centred



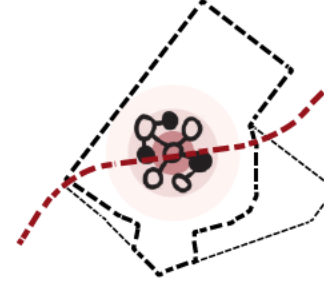
- Healing environment
- Warm + Tactile
- Human Scale
- Views to nature
- Access to light

Connected



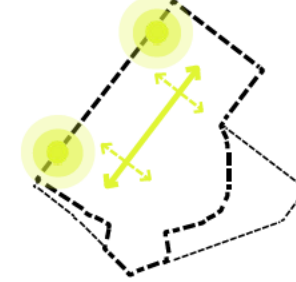
- Connected to Community
- Connected to Public Transport
- Connected to other Health Centres
- Connected to existing site infrastructure and beyond

Connected to Country



- Connected to Country
- Of its place
- Provides for and considers the needs of First Nation people

Accessible



- Welcoming Entry Experience
- Carparking close to Main Entry
- Intuitive Wayfinding
- Permeable
- Universal design

Sustainable



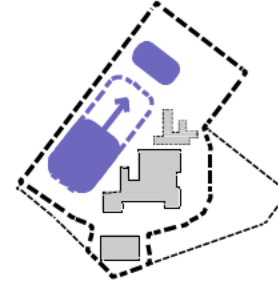
- Green
- Maximises external spaces
- Reduced Carbon footprint
- Adaptable
- Resilient

Functional



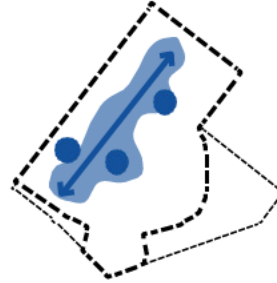
- High quality efficient care
- Safe
- Reduces travel distances
- Support clinical relationships
- Implements appropriate flows

Future Proofed



- Digital Strategies/ AI
- Flexible, Adaptable, Expandable
- Responds to projected trends
- Automation ready
- Growth & expansion zones

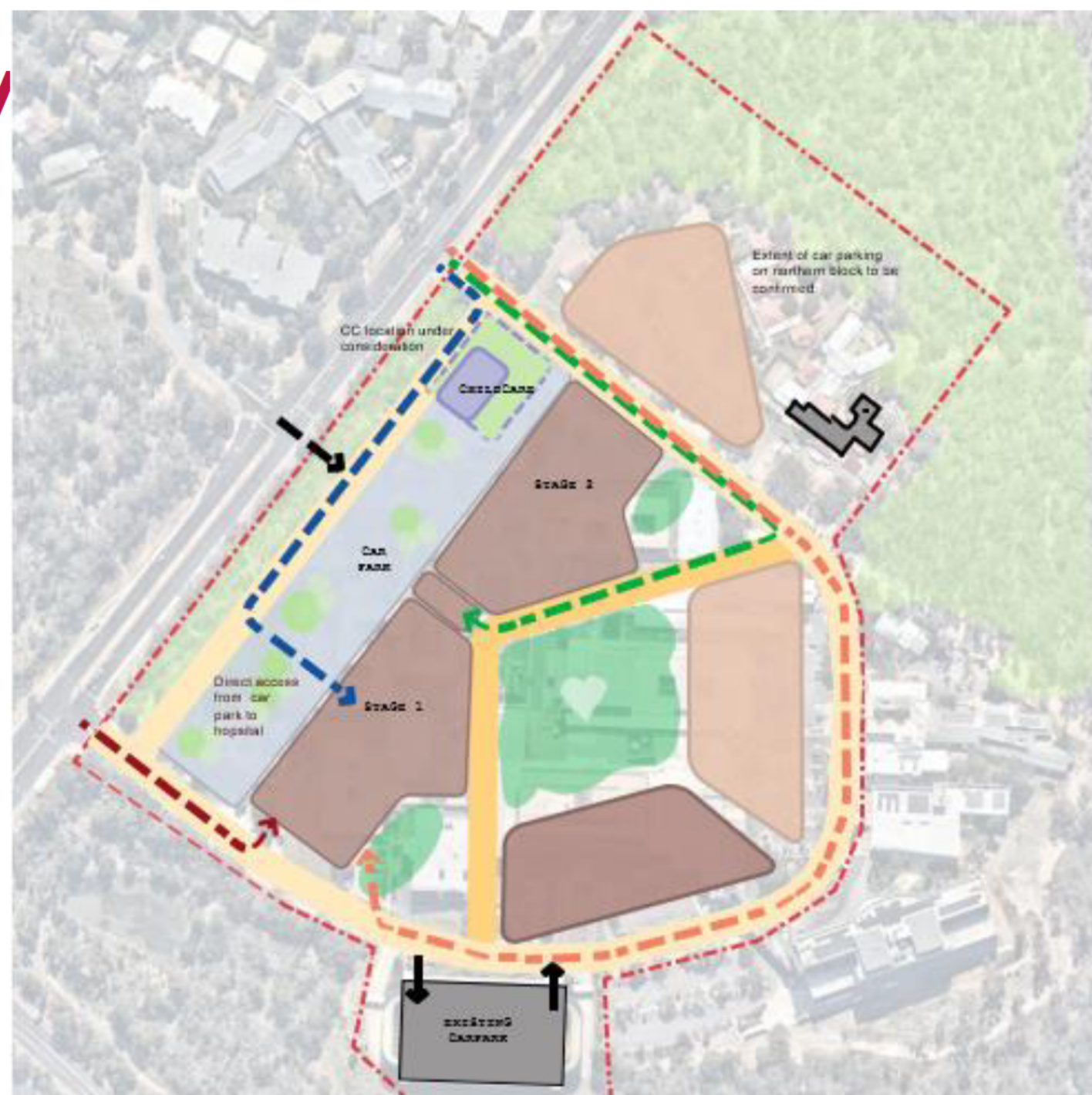
Vibrant & Memorable



- High quality public domain
- Activated edges, links + public spaces
- Social, recreational and retail opportunities for staff + patients
- Visual presence
- Unique identity

Masterplan strategy

- Long term development opportunities that shows how the campus can grow over time.
- Retains existing access from Hayden Drive.
- Minimises the impact on adjacent ecologically significant space
- Provides opportunity for introducing landscaping/public space over time.
- Achieve functional connections to existing services



Planning pathway

The intent of the Project is to minimize ecological impact and present as a model applicant for the appropriate approval pathway.

Two approvals pathways are being risk assessed and tested with Territory stakeholders prior to progressing being considered including:

- Environmental Significance Opinion (ESO) and
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Ecology Impacts

Direct Impacts – *potential*

- Clearing of native vegetation
- Removal of mature and remnant trees, including those with hollows.
- Loss of Gang-gang Cockatoo habitat.

Indirect impacts – *potential*

- Increased noise, light, and human activity.
- Potential spread of invasive species
- Disruption to fauna movement and habitat connectivity

Trees Impacts

Tree protection as part of the Urban Forest Act (UF Act)

Culturally Scarred Tree

Bushfire

ACTMapi existing Inner Asset Protection Zone (IAPZ) – managed and licensed by ACTF&R

Approvals from the Conservator are not needed to maintain the IAPZ condition

Design consideration for the Childcare centre

Strategy 1 - Stage 1



Next steps

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