

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Cabrini Next Era?

Cabrini Next Era, is the name we have given to the works that contribute to the redevelopment of our Malvern Hospital, and how it will deliver exceptional healthcare in line with the future needs of our community. It is made up of a large number of projects including works to the existing site, as well as the construction of a new multi-level east building on the corner of Coonil Crescent and Wattletree Road.

In all, the initial stages of this project will include:

- Refurbishment of existing wards, converting 4 bed rooms to single-bed, ensuite rooms with a modern aesthetic
- Building of 7 new theatres (2 already complete) and 1 new cardiac catheter lab on the existing site
- Refurbishment of the Emergency Department to offer greater patient flow and separate entries for Ambulance arrivals and foot traffic
- The expansion of the Cabrini Cancer Institute to include a genomics laboratory
- The construction of an eastern building to house:
 - A new, more accessible main entrance
 - 32 bed orthopaedic unit
 - 32 bed cardiac unit
 - 20 bed palliative care unit with roof top-garden
 - Medical consulting suites

Why are you redeveloping the Malvern hospital?

Cabrini is a not-for-profit hospital which prides itself on providing superior care to its patients and the wider community. Projections show over 150,000 patients will need our support annually, by 2036, a 60% increase from the patients we serve today.

The redevelopment will ensure we have the capacity and capability to provide high-quality care into the future, with special focus on growing areas of need, including cancer and cardiac care, and orthopaedic surgery.

We must also increase access to private rooms with en-suites and enhance several spaces including our Emergency Department, to ensure that all patients have the best possible facilities to support their treatment, rest, recovery or end-of-life care .



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Why are you redeveloping the Malvern hospital now?

With modelling showing 70,000 additional patients yearly by 2036, we need to grow capacity steadily, ahead of that time. To date, we have already completed several projects including upgrade and adding of private rooms, opening of additional theatres and the relocation and expansion of the Cabrini Cancer Institute.

The Malvern redevelopment is the largest capital works project we have undertaken, so we plan to continue staggering the project in sensible stages to ensure we can maintain smooth operations while we deliver each element of the plan.

Where is the redevelopment happening?

A great deal of work has already been undertaken within the existing bounds of the hospital. We have upgraded several wards, built a new Orthopaedic Specialist Centre, added operating theatres and stood up a satellite site for our Exercise and Wellness Centre.

There will also be significant improvements to the hospital entry from Wattletree Road, which will allow safe and efficient vehicle, emergency services and pedestrian access.

In 2026 the corner of Coonil Crescent and Wattletree Road will become the site for a new east building. This multi-level clinical building will increase our capacity and provide purposefully designed spaces for delivering superior cardiac, cancer, orthopaedic and palliative care.

The works for the east building are currently in the design phase ahead of town planning submission. There is significant consultation currently underway and the findings from this will be married with previous and forthcoming community consultation to ensure the new building supports the needs of local residents as well as staff, patients and their families.

How tall will the new east building be?

In line with planning and zoning requirements the tower will step down from the height of the Gandel and Main Hospital buildings. With generous set back from our neighbours on the east side of the lot, the plan that is currently being put forward is 4 storeys, including a rooftop garden attached to the palliative care ward. Great care is being taken to ensure the plan for the new building is respectful to the existing streetscape and our neighbours.



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Will there be demolition?

The planning application for the east building site includes the removal of the dwellings that currently sit at 2 and 4 Coonil Crescent. These sites have already been rezoned in support of their removal, and are otherwise in disrepair. There may also be some demolition of areas of the existing hospital site to appropriately integrate the existing building with the new one.

All care will be taken to complete any demolition as effectively and efficiently as possible while reducing risk and disruption.

How will this impact my property?

All care is being taken to ensure the new building is respectful of our neighbours.

The proposed plans position the building with generous setback from neighbouring homes, well over 9 meters required by Victorian regulation.

How will parking be affected?

The current design offers additional basement carpark spaces to support a growth in capacity, for patients, visitors and staff.

During the construction, parking and traffic management plans will be implemented to reduce the impact to street parking. All changes to parking and hospital access will be communicated clearly and early to ensure any disruption is kept to a minimum.

How will I get from Derrill Avenue to Wattletree Road?

A new nine-metre-wide, landscaped walkway will be created at the eastern edge of the existing carpark site.

The final design will be developed in consultation with community and other stakeholders and will consider elements such as lighting, safety, noise and planting.



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How will you manage traffic?

As part of the planning process, traffic management plans will be developed to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum. The building contractor will work with Cabrini, Stonnington council and Department of Transport to develop a detailed Construction Management Plan detailing hours of building, contractor car parking, safe truck routes etc.

How will you manage noise and dust levels?

The Construction Management Plan, to be developed in conjunction with the building contractor and Stonnington Council will be implemented with a view to reduce disruption as much as possible, for both our neighbours and patients. All updates to works, and any accompanying impacts, will be widely communicated, and detail shared as the management plans are formalised. [See latest updates here.](#)

Are trees being removed?

Great care is being taken to retain trees where it is safe to do so, especially along Wattletree Road and the boundaries of the site. There are some trees on the existing carpark site which will need to be removed.

Additional vegetation will be supported by full landscape design, which will be included in the town planning submission. This will include terrace landscaping, green roofs, as well as a fully landscaped walkway between Derrill Avenue and Wattletree Road.

When will works commence?

Works to the existing hospital site have already commenced, and some major elements, like two of the seven operating theatres have already been completed. Works on the Coonil Crescent site are dependent on town planning, and are anticipated to start in 2026.

How can I give feedback?

We are proud to be part of the Malvern community and welcome your feedback throughout the redevelopment process. All comments and questions can be sent to reddevelopment@cabrini.com.au, and will be directed to the executive leads of this project.

