



# Woodside Care Precinct – Your questions answered.

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## An aged care precinct for the Woodside House site

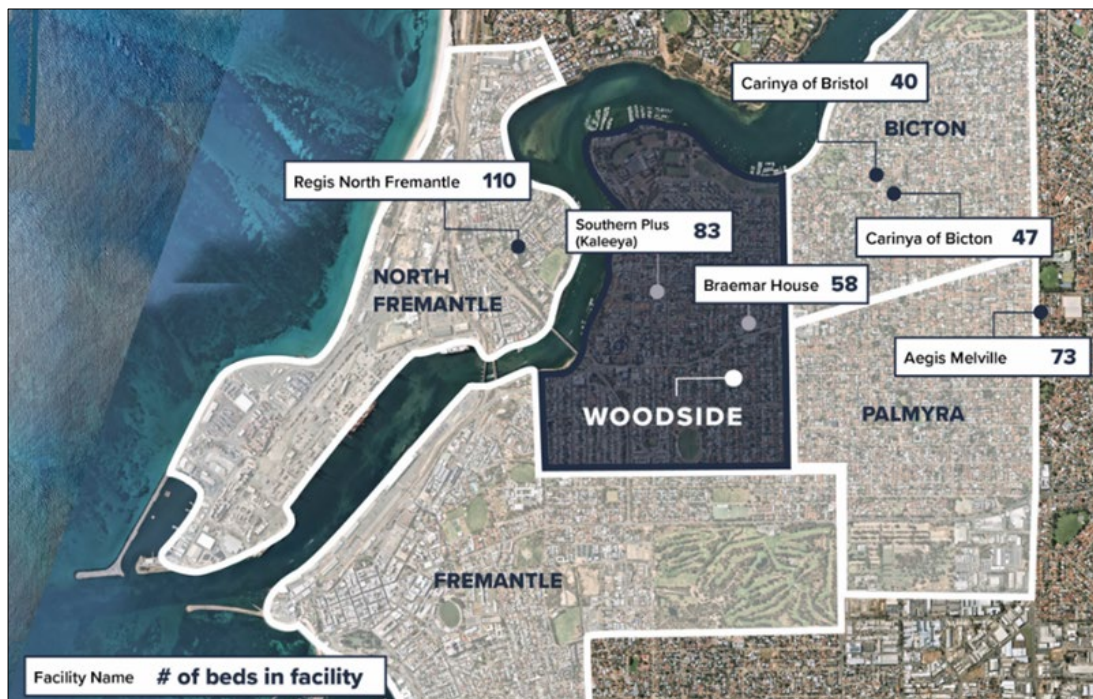
### Does East Fremantle need more aged care?

Yes. There is a dire shortage of high-quality aged care available to the East Fremantle and surrounding community. Currently, ageing East Fremantle residents are being forced to move away from their community because there is nowhere for them to go locally. Existing aged care places are full.

In East Fremantle, and the neighbouring suburbs of Fremantle, North Fremantle, Bickton and Palmyra, 20 per cent or residents are over 65 (Perth average is 16 per cent)<sup>1</sup>.

In the same area, there are currently six aged care facilities that offer places for just over 400 people (411). That is simply not enough. Those facilities are at capacity and the need is only going to become greater.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data tells us that there will be more than 1,000 people over 65 years of age needing care in the local area within 15 years – so we need to prepare now to ensure East Fremantle locals can stay comfortably and happily in their community as they age.



Current aged care facilities in the region.

<sup>1</sup> ABS data indicates that 653 people >65 years' old currently require care due to a 'profound or severe disability', implying a 235-place shortfall. The number of people >65 requiring care is forecast to grow to +1,000 by 2036.

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*View of Woodside from Canning Road 1908 before subdivisions commenced in 1912. The olive trees can be seen in front of the house. Batty Library P10540.*

### **Why is Hall & Prior developing the Woodside House site as a care precinct?**

The former Woodside Hospital site was closed as an operating facility about a decade ago. In 2017 Hall & Prior and the Fire and Emergency Services Superannuation Fund purchased it from the WA Government, on the basis that much-needed aged care facilities would be delivered on the site. That was always the plan.

The size and location of this site makes it a one-of-a-kind development opportunity for people ageing in the community.

The majority of existing aged care facilities are of a smaller scale than Woodside. Older facilities cannot offer the amount of space or standard of amenity that Woodside will deliver.

### **What will happen to the historic Woodside House?**

Hall & Prior is totally committed to the protection and restoration of Woodside House.

The sale of the one-hectare site to Hall & Prior and the Fire and Emergency Services Superannuation Fund secured the future of the historic property, which has such a special place in the hearts of many people in East Fremantle and beyond.

In 2023, Woodside House is in serious disrepair. But that is about to change. Hall & Prior proposes to invest more than \$5 million for restoration, protection and adaptive reuse works and has been consulting with expert heritage architects to ensure it is done exceptionally well.

The development approach for the Woodside Care Precinct is to enhance the landmark qualities of Woodside House in the context of its historic setting; as a former rural holding and the private residence of William Dalgety Moore, later a private hospital, then a maternity hospital, and its evolution into aged care.

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### Why would Hall & Prior continue with its plans to develop the site when residents don't want the new aged care facility?

There is no doubt there is some opposition to the proposed development from some near neighbours. That is to be expected.

What is proposed is a very different kind of residential development for this part of East Fremantle. The new Woodside Care Precinct will obviously be larger than a suburban home (which is built on a much smaller block) but will take up a lower proportion of the block than many suburban homes and, at its highest point, will rise about 1.6 metres higher than the historic Woodside House.

Hall & Prior hopes some of the neighbours' concerns can be allayed by clarification on matters such as construction management, the use of the Wellness Centre (for residents and local home care clients) and the café (for residents, family and friends).

Others we hope have been addressed through some of the key design changes to the Precinct including:

- On the northern boundary - increasing the setback of north facing rooms on level 2, to 10.1m from the boundary and removing the balconies, and reducing the size of the plant equipment on the top of the building.
- North facing dining room windows on levels 1 and 2 will be obscure glazing to a height of 1.6m; evergreen trees will be planted on the boundary to improve privacy and amenity; and changes have been made to the Precinct's walking loop for residents
- On the southern boundary - there will be no car parking in the backyards of the two Supported Independent Living homes (26 Dalgety Street and 29 Fortescue Street) with mature trees being kept and additional trees planted proposed.
- There will also be an additional level of basement car parking to take the number of bays for the site to 115, with no street parking required.

We also understand and appreciate that some residents will be concerned about any proposal that introduces a new style of residential development to the area, and particularly one set on a one-hectare block. That scale of aged care facility is important to allow the very significant investment in the restoration of the historic Woodside House and to staff and deliver the quality care ageing residents deserve.

It is important to note that there is also significant support for the development of new aged care opportunities in East Fremantle, and Hall & Prior's plans in particular.

The community consultation undertaken by Creating Communities in 2020 involved 146 community members after the whole community was invited to learn more and make comment. During that process, there were far more supportive comments (119) than concerns (74) from people who completed a feedback form.

A copy of their report is available at [www.woodsideagedcare.com.au](http://www.woodsideagedcare.com.au)

### How does the Woodside Care Precinct Development respond to the Royal Commission into Aged Care & Safety?

The final report handed down by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety in 2021 issued a very clear statement that the aged care sector needs to modernise and reform.

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At Hall & Prior, we have always welcomed the Royal Commission as an opportunity to drive long-term sustainable improvements for the aged care sector. We are proud of our longstanding history of providing the highest quality of care to our residents.

Our CEO, Graeme Prior, sits on the National Aged Care Advisory Council that is tasked with providing expert advice and guidance on the implementation of the most significant reform to the Australian aged care sector.

The Woodside Care Precinct will be a world-class, leading aged care home providing the highest quality of care to some of our most precious and vulnerable members of the community.

The project includes an inclusive and diverse range of home-living including single, companion, suites and supported independent living with a strong connection between interior and outdoor spaces. There will be places for 160 people in 130 rooms or “homes”. They will be divided into clusters with residents sharing connected communal areas including a lounge, kitchen / dining and outside terrace space to foster a sense of home and belonging to a community.

A Wellness Centre to assist residents with health and healing and a café for residents and their friends and family are important elements of the precinct.

### What facilities will be accommodated as part of the development?

- 160 aged care places for residents and associated facilities and amenities in a 3 to 4 storey complex.
- A Wellness Centre that will include a reception, allied health consulting rooms, a gym, massage/therapy room and hydrotherapy pool.
- Two supported independent living homes, each comprising three bedrooms, shared amenities and accommodation for a live-in carer in each of the retained dwellings at 26 Dalgety and 29 Fortescue streets.
- Restoration of Woodside House, a building on the State Register of Heritage Places. It will include four aged care accommodation suites/facilities/amenities (on the first floor) and an ancillary café (ground floor) to cater for the residents, staff and visitors of the facility.
- 115 on-site vehicle parking bays – over two basement levels.

The size of the proposed new aged care residential development is similar to the size of most new facilities across Australia. The size of this very modern proposal which will serve the East Fremantle community not just now, but well into the future, is what enables the provider to staff and deliver the high level of care, to meet the expectations of residents and their families. It enables Hall & Prior to provide high-quality care in a world-class facility to benefit ageing people who choose to live out their lives there – and give families confidence and peace of mind.

## Heritage

### What is the heritage status of the site and buildings?

In 1997 Woodside Hospital was assessed by the Heritage Council of Western Australia and permanently placed on the State Register of Heritage Places in 1998. The place was also entered on the Municipal Heritage Inventory for the Town of East Fremantle (adopted 1997) and listed in the schedule of heritage places in the Town Planning Scheme in 2004. The National Trust of Australia (WA) classified Woodside Hospital in 1998.

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The heritage buildings on the site have been carefully considered with reference to the Heritage Council of WA statements of significance and their broader historical context and streetscape.

The development seeks to restore the distinctive two storey Victorian Italianate rendered brick and tile Woodside House and its setting on the site.

These Hall & Prior plans are good news for Woodside House. It has laid dormant for too long and desperately needs restoring and protecting. The new development will celebrate and showcase the heritage value of Woodside House.

The Heritage Council of WA commented that *“the proposed conservation works and reinstatement of original elements (of Woodside House) will provide a positive conservation outcome.”*

### Which buildings on the site will be demolished?

The former maternity and services wing and outbuildings on the site (constructed in the 1960s) will be demolished, enhancing the significant views from Dalgety Street and introducing a visual and physical connection from Fortescue Street.

There are also two small rooms (a bathroom and a store room) that were added to the ground floor of Woodside House, as well as an external staircase within the verandah. These additions are intrusive to the heritage value of Woodside House and will be removed.

Woodside House will be conserved and adapted for community uses, appropriate for the residential community living onsite, on the ground floor, with residential suites on the first floor. As part of the proposal, the significant former ballroom will undergo conservation and restoration works for use by the residential community. This could include movies, dances, recitals, bridge runs, craft workshops and readings.

The proposed development application is the culmination of engagement and advice received from the Heritage Council of WA and the State Design Review Panel.

Hall & Prior will be spending more than \$5m in respectful heritage restoration works, which will significantly enhance and restore Woodside House. As part of our heritage restoration works, we will be working with historians and local artists to interpret heritage aspects of the whole site into Woodside House and the new buildings.

The development will provide new life and focus for Woodside House which will assist in sustaining in cultural heritage values.

### Will the view corridors of Woodside House be impacted by the new buildings?

The plans actually enhance the landmark qualities of Woodside House by presenting the heritage in a landscape reminiscent of its past context and opening up views of the site from Dalgety Street, from the north west, west and south west. The new buildings are located to the north, east and south of Woodside House with substantial buffers between the new buildings and Woodside House.

A view corridor from Fortescue Street, through the new building will provide a view toward the former cloakroom and east elevations of the Woodside House verandahs. The Dalgety Street materials palette and architecture have taken their cues from the maternity wing which will be demolished to make way for part of the new development. Bricks from the maternity wing will be reused in the new build.

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### How will 26 Dalgety Street and 29 Fortescue Street be protected?

The residence 26 Dalgety Street is a single storey Inter-War bungalow and the main part of the house will largely remain. The house at 29 Fortescue Street is from the same period and also contributes to the historic streetscape. They are both Category B heritage places included on the Town of East Fremantle's heritage scheme list. Both original portions of the buildings will be retained, conserved and adapted.

These two properties are both being converted to "Supported Independent Living" accommodation which provides important care and accommodation for people under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

This type of accommodation provides support to people with disability to help them live as independently as possible, and is an important part of any inclusive community, creating opportunities for vulnerable people in our community.

The properties will provide three bedrooms with an ensuite each, and will provide wonderful homes for people living with disability.

The backyards of both these houses will be retained, with the swimming pools removed to create additional private garden space for residents of the houses. More mature trees will also be planted, providing additional privacy to the residents and neighbours of these two properties.

## Building Height and Impact

### How high is the proposed development?

The proposed development is three (3) storeys in height across most sections, and four (4) storeys in height in some sections. Two basement levels of car parking area are also proposed.

The heights of the proposed building have been informed by the height of the heritage-listed Woodside House. The majority of the site is three storeys which is lower than the height of the house. A small section is designed to be four storeys. This section is predominantly on the eastern boundary of the site, facing Fortescue Street and set back significantly from its neighbours to the north and south.



*New building and Woodside House cross-section.*

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The fourth storey finishes 1.645m from the top of Woodside House, with the heritage building a significant reference point for the building height.

The building has a maximum overall height above natural ground level of 18.57m on the eastern elevation and 14m above natural ground level on the northern elevation.

The WA Government State Design Review Panel undertook three reviews of the proposed development commenting:

*“The Panel is supportive of the current approach to mass and scale, as being appropriate for this location. Notwithstanding the residential character of the context, the size of the project site area and restoration and reuse of heritage assets invites development of a civic nature, which is being delivered. The generally three-storey approach (with four storey Fortescue component) is supported by strong design quality.”*

### How will views of Woodside House be affected?

Woodside House will be restored and protected. Heritage considerations of Woodside House have led the design of the aged care precinct. Woodside House takes centre-stage in the development which will be restored to its former glory for use as residences and for communal purposes, including a café for residents, friends and family.

The whole development has been designed to celebrate the history and architecture of Woodside House and highlight its heritage value.

#### From Dalgety Street

The proposed design of the buildings ensures there is significant open space to the front of Woodside House to showcase this heritage property. It is intended that the total arc of the view corridor will be increased and that two separate portions of the new buildings stretch around Woodside House towards the street.



*Pedestrian entrance from Dalgety Street.*

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### From Fortescue Street

There are currently no views of Woodside House from Fortescue Street. The design of the new buildings will provide a view corridor on the eastern elevation (through the building foyer) allowing views of Woodside House from Fortescue Street for the first time in 70 years. The existing landscape and the retention of mature trees has guided the new buildings that sit alongside Fortescue Street, with buildings set behind large existing and relocated trees.



*View from Fortescue Street.*



*Pedestrian access from Fortescue Street.*



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### **Won't those larger buildings create overlooking and overshadowing?**

A shadowing study has been completed to assess the impact on surrounding residential properties. The shadow cast complies. The setback from the boundaries ensures windows and balconies comply with visual privacy setbacks. Overall, the building has been designed to minimise overlooking and overshadowing.

In relation to visual privacy, the development more than complies with the minimum 7.5m visual privacy setback requirement prescribed under the R-Codes. The upper floor bedroom windows facing the northern boundary are to be setback 10.1m, with balconies having a setback of 7.55m (to inside of balcony balustrade). The addition of high-quality landscaping along the northern boundary will also assist in mitigating any perceived visual privacy impact.

### **How will the buildings interface with neighbours?**

Rather than maximising the development footprint and building out the whole block, Hall & Prior has elected to accommodate an ample setback, to ensure that the new buildings sit sympathetically within the community, the impact on immediate neighbours is minimised, and unnecessary tree removal is avoided.

The design provides beautifully landscaped, high-quality open space for both residents and visitors.

There is an attractive view corridor to allow the facade of Woodside House to be seen from Dalgety Street. This is an important part of the conservation plan and will not only remain in place but will be larger than what is required under the conservation management plan.

On the northern boundary, the setback of north-facing rooms on level 2 has been increased to 10.1m from the boundary fence, the size of the plant equipment on the top of the building has been reduced and repositioned, there will be additional evergreen trees and other plantings undertaken as well as changes to the Precinct's walking loop for residents.

Hall & Prior is also retaining the existing homes at 29 Fortescue Street and 26 Dalgety Street to provide further screening and separation to the fourth storey and adjoining residents to the south. The backyards of both these houses will be retained, with the swimming pools removed to create additional private garden space for residents of the houses. More mature trees will also be planted, providing additional privacy to the neighbours of these two properties.

The proposed parking bays that were planned for the backyard of these properties have also been removed and will be accommodated in an additional level of basement car parking to take the number of bays for the Precinct to 115, with no street parking required.

All significant and mature trees on Fortescue Street will be retained to soften the visibility of the 4th storey, particularly from the northern approach. A large Norfolk Island pine tree and Jacaranda tree will be relocated to the south-east corner of the development which, in combination with the retention of 29 Fortescue Street, will soften the visibility of the 4th storey from the southern approach.

Throughout the design and development of the project, Hall & Prior, our architects Kerry Hill Architects and landscape architects Hassell will continue to liaise with neighbours to ensure minimal disruption and impact, and achieve the very best results for everyone involved.

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### How does the development comply with sustainability principles?

The development includes innovative design initiatives such as rooftop solar panels, energy efficient lighting and hot water systems, provision of substantial green space (60 per cent of the site), north-facing balconies, access to sunlight, cross ventilation, and onsite water management. The retention and reuse of existing heritage buildings and potential re-use of red bricks from the site enhance the sustainability credentials of the development.

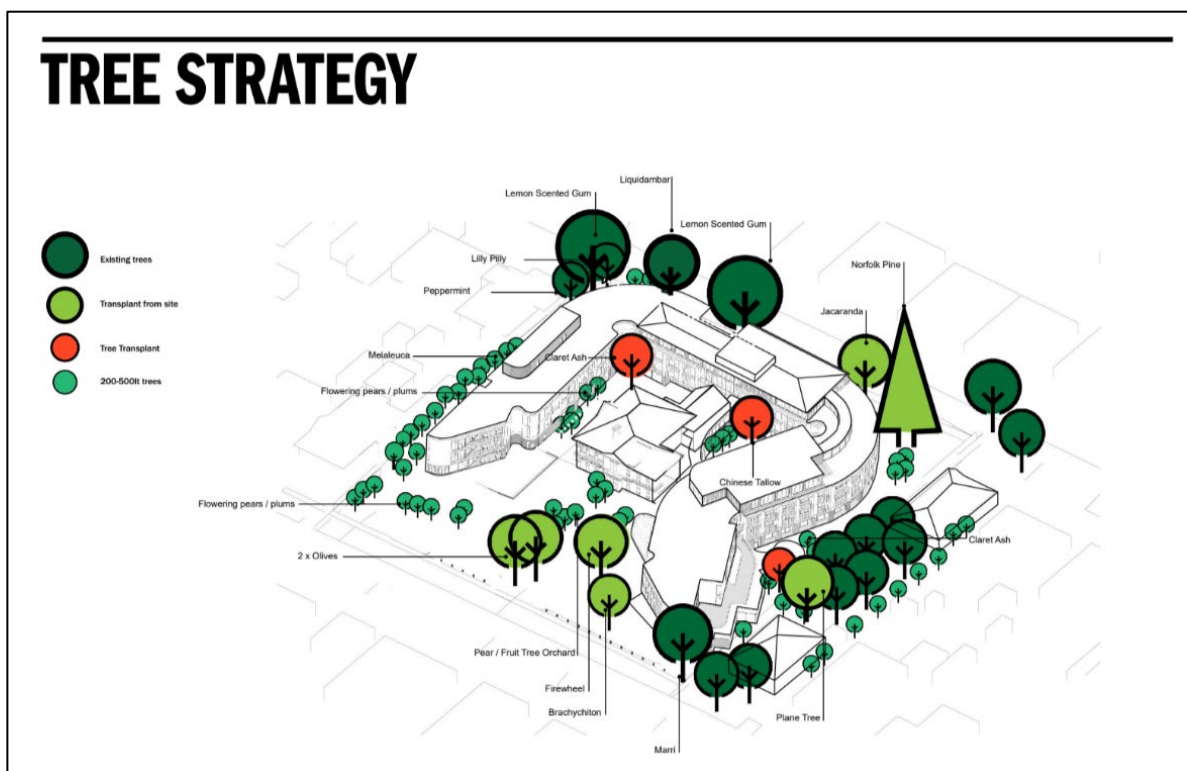
## Landscape

### How many trees will be removed from the site?

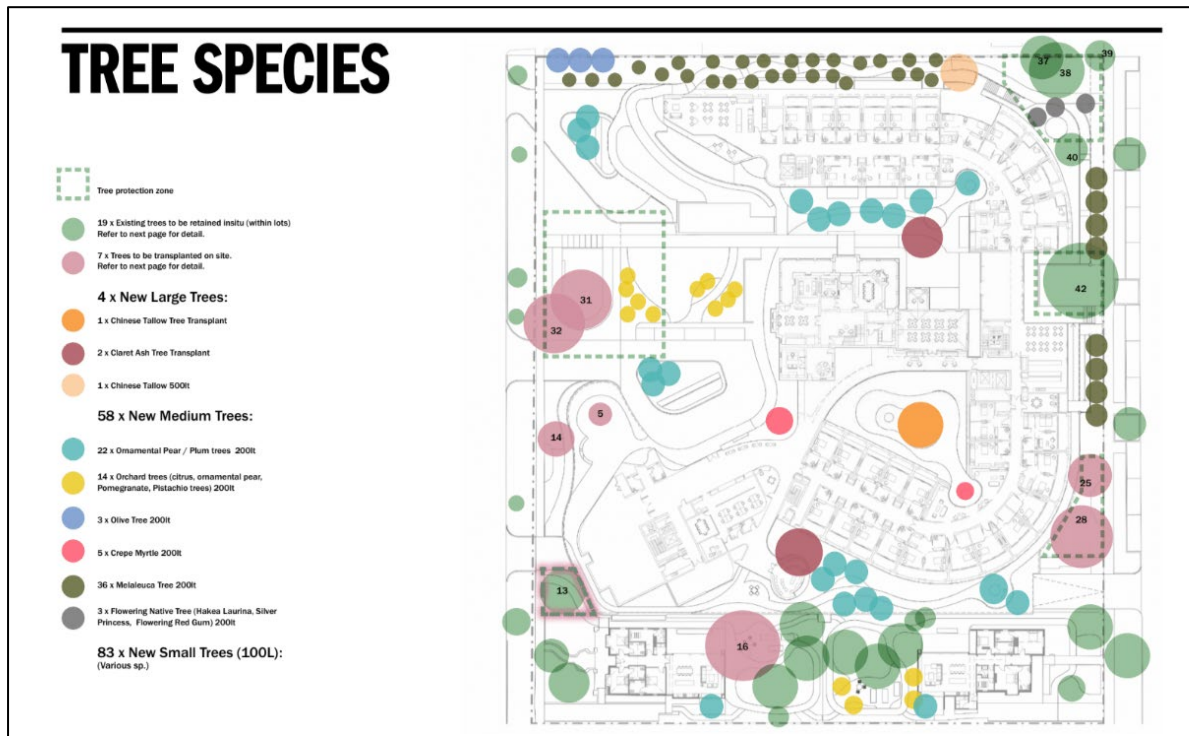
There will be 19 significant trees retained insitu with a further seven existing trees to be transplanted to alternative locations on the site.

There will be another 145 trees planted on the site of various species and size. The landscape design has drawn inspiration from historical memories of the site including:

- The rural nature of the landscape, olive and fruit trees
- The native character on Fortescue Street
- Creating a new central pathway referencing the original main driveway location
- Referencing the old tennis court wall, creating a multi-use croquet court for residents.



Overview of retained and new trees across the Precinct.



*Tree species across the Precinct.*

**Which trees are being protected, which ones will be removed and which ones will be transplanted?**

On the north east corner of the development on Fortescue Street, a large Lemon Scented Gum tree, and existing Peppermint, Lilly Pilly and Liquidambar trees, will be retained. The existing Norfolk Island Pine and Jacaranda tree will be relocated from their current locations on the site to the south east corner of the development on Fortescue Street. A second mature Lemon Scented Gum will also be retained along the Fortescue Street frontage.

The existing trees on the northern boundary of Dalgety Street will be replaced by seven medium trees and one large tree including three Olives, one Crepe Myrtle and one transplanted Firewheel tree.

Hall & Prior and our landscape architects’ Hassell will continue to work with the community throughout the design and development phase in regard to the landscaping to ensure there is a high-quality result.

**How much open space will be provided on the site?**

A total of approximately 6,000sqm of open space will be provided on the site, which is a very significant 60 per cent of the total site footprint. This is more than required under the Town of East Fremantle’s Town Planning Scheme No.3.

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## Facilities in the development

### What is the Wellness Centre and who will use it?

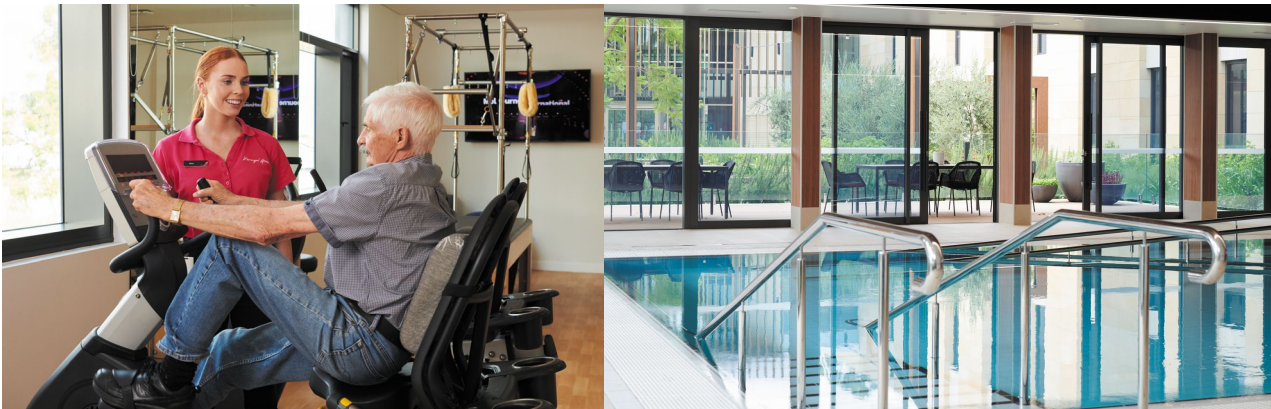
The Wellness Centre will include a reception, five allied health consulting rooms, a gym, massage/therapy room and hydrotherapy pool.

It is purpose-designed for older people, with programs and equipment to assist with health, wellness and healing.

Use of the Wellness Centre will be limited to Hall & Prior residents and clients who receive their services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program, Home Care Packages Program or NDIS.

The Wellness Centre will not be open to the general public.

The inclusion of a Wellness Centre is a valuable part of contemporary aged care facilities being developed by Hall & Prior and other quality care providers across Australia.



*Images of the Wellness Centre at Hall & Prior's Karingal Green Aged Care facility, High Wycombe.*

### Who will be able to use the café in Woodside House?

There will be a welcoming café on the ground floor of Woodside House. The café has a floor space of approximately 37m<sup>2</sup> and it will typically be open to residents, their friends and families between 8am and 3pm daily.

It is now standard, and best practice, for all quality residential aged care facilities to include a café, to improve the amenity for their residents and their families (as recommended by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety). The café will be used by the residents and their visitors. It won't be open to the general public.

### How will the ballroom in Woodside House be used?

Exactly how the ballroom will be used once the facility is operational is still to be explored as part of the design and development phase of the project.

Hall & Prior wants to celebrate the heritage of Woodside House and will work with key stakeholders, including the local community, to better understand how all aspects of the heritage elements of the project can tell the important story of the buildings and the people who have been part of them.

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*Images of the proposed restoration of the Woodside House ballroom.*

### How will public art be incorporated into the development?

Hall & Prior proposes to contribute \$100,000 towards public art as part of the development. The public art will contribute to the heritage interpretation of the site and reflect the cultural importance of the site.

The Woodside Care Precinct Art Strategy will:

- Contribute to a sense of place
- Enhance public enjoyment and understanding of place
- Create local landmarks
- Make street, open space, more distinctive
- Encompass art that captures the spirit of East Fremantle, and is responsive to the Woodside ward and neighbourhood precinct.

‘Home’ is the proposed theme for the art collection which will be displayed in both public and private areas of the precinct. It has been derived from two of the site’s key uses, as the Moore family residence and then as the Woodside Maternity Hospital, to bring together the significant stories and art works across the site. It also relates to Woodside House’s future use as an aged care facility, as an extension of the site’s history, as a ‘Home’ to older residents.

Works will be commissioned by local Fremantle and Western Australian artists.

## Construction management

### How will construction be managed to minimise disruption to neighbours and local residents?

Hall & Prior and the future building contractor will follow all local construction provisions and implement a construction management plan to minimise disruption to nearby residents. All of these provisions will be developed and addressed as part of the plan (including traffic management).

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Mitigation strategies will be implemented to address the following:

- Traffic management and parking of contractors' vehicles
- Noise
- Dust management
- Cleaning of the street and site and checking for rubbish from the site
- Health and safety processes
- Dilapidation surveys to record the structural integrity of existing buildings and any disruption caused during construction.

Hall & Prior fully supports the Town of East Fremantle putting a condition on the development that a construction management plan and appropriate dilapidation surveys are undertaken during the building phase of the development to address any concerns residents have.

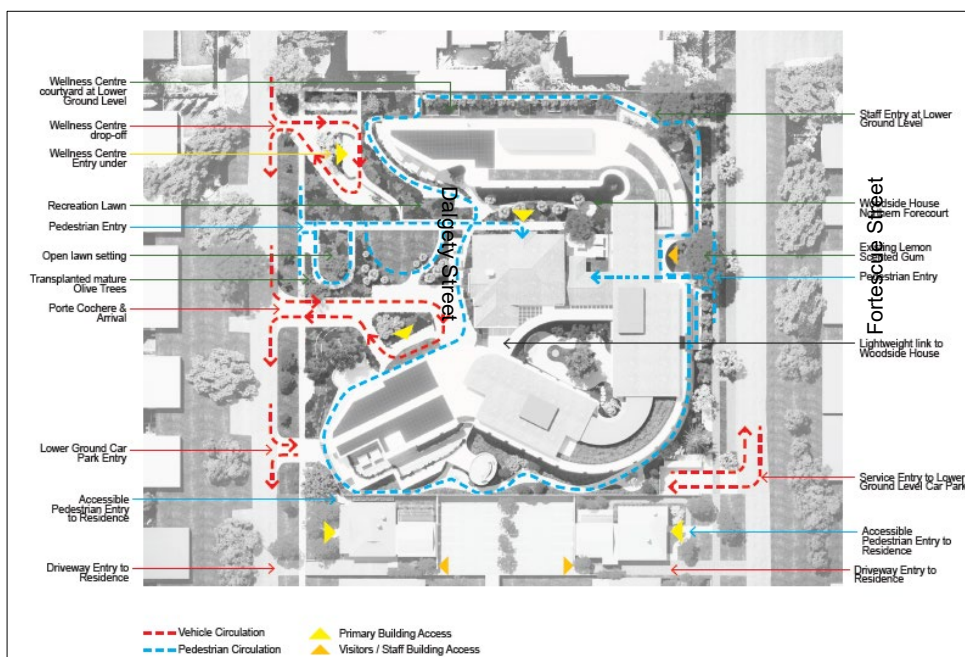
# Vehicle access, traffic and parking

## What will be the impact of vehicles around the site during construction?

There will be additional vehicles in the area during the construction period, however, Hall & Prior and its building contractor will implement number of measures to minimise disruption to nearby residents. All of these provisions will be developed and addressed as part of the construction management plan (including traffic management). In particular, there will be traffic management measures to limit inconvenience, and restrictions on where and how contractors' vehicles can be parked. Local streets will not be 'clogged' with construction traffic.

## What will be in the impact for pedestrians during construction and once the facility is operational?

The traffic report undertaken by our specialist consultants, Cardno, did not highlight any safety issues for pedestrians, including in regard to the crest of the hill on Dalgety Street and the width of the road pavement. All vehicle entry and exit points have clear sightlines to view oncoming pedestrians and vehicles.



Site Access diagram.

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### How will the precinct be accessed by vehicles when it is operational?

Four access points are proposed for the development, with three on Dalgety Street and one on Fortescue Street, as per the diagram below. Two access points are exclusively for pick-up/drop-off (for the Wellness Centre and the facility reception), while the other two are entrance/exit to the basement carparks. The existing access locations for the single residential dwellings will be retained.

### Will the surrounding streets be used for car parking by staff and visitors to the facility?

Residents and visitors will access the facility from Dalgety Street.

A total of 115 car parking bays will be provided on-site over two basement levels of car parking. This will ensure there is more than enough parking – without requiring any street parking for staff or residents and their visitors.

All deliveries and service vehicle access will be via Fortescue Street at the south-eastern corner of the site.

Staffing numbers for the facility will reduce after 3.30pm in the afternoon. Family and friends can visit throughout the day. Most visitors are expected from 3-7pm when more staff bays will be available. Though our experience is that aged care residents don't receive as many visitors as we might think or hope for, most occur over the weekend when there will considerably more parking available onsite at the Woodside Care Precinct.

### What is the predicted traffic flow for the new facility?

Most residents in aged care accommodation don't drive, so most vehicles accessing the site will either be staff or visitors.

Traffic studies undertaken by expert consultants Cardno indicate that the daily vehicle movements will be well below the capacity of local streets. The data shows that even during peak periods, there will be very manageable traffic – 50 movements from 8-9am on average and 72 movements in the afternoon from 4.30-5.30pm.

## Planning process

### What is the approval process for this proposed development?

Hall & Prior has lodged a development application with the [State Development Assessment Unit](#) (SDAU) which is part of the WA Planning Commission (WAPC).

The proposed Woodside Care Precinct Development will be assessed and determined by the WAPC via that development approval pathway, rather than through the DAP process. The DAP application has been withdrawn.

Changes to the design of the Woodside Care Precinct outlined in this document and on the [Woodside Care Precinct](#) website have been incorporated into the proposal lodged with the SDAU.

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### Why has Hall & Prior decided to lodge a new development application for the Woodside Health Precinct?

The decision to take our proposal to the WAPC follows more than three years' work with the Town of East Fremantle and extensive consultation with the local community.

The Precinct proposes to include a Wellness Centre incorporating a hydrotherapy pool, medical and allied health services, among other facilities. It is intended that community members who are being supported to live at their own homes, as well as Woodside residents, will receive care at the Wellness Centre and it is a critically important part of the project.

They will have the opportunity to receive treatment, respite, engage in other therapeutic activities and social interaction – all of which is fundamental to achieving a range of physical and mental health benefits, and is such an important part of achieving a good quality of life.

The Town of East Fremantle advised us that, under the provisions of Local Planning Scheme No. 3, it is not possible to support the proposed Wellness Centre to be accessed by home-care clients as well as aged care residents. The SDAU has greater scope to consider the Wellness Centre in the context of the development.

### Will the community be able to comment on the new development application?

Yes.

As part of the SDAU process, the community will be asked to comment on the updated Woodside Care Precinct proposal.

Following initial planning, design and technical consideration by the SDAU and stakeholders, the application will be released for public comment. Plans and supporting documents will be made available on the SDAU website and at the Town of East Fremantle.

Notices will also be published in the local newspaper, letters sent to the owners and occupiers of surrounding and nearby properties. Signage will also be installed on site with an illustration of the proposed development (and images are also available in this document and on the website of course). The Town of East Fremantle will also have the opportunity to make comment on the application.

## Community engagement

### What community engagement was undertaken before the Development Application was lodged?

Between January and November 2020, Hall & Prior and our community engagement consultants, Creating Communities, invited the entire East Fremantle community to learn more and provide feedback on the development.

Communications materials about the project were also distributed to more than 3,900 homes including flyers to all households in the Town of East Fremantle and they engaged personally with 146 community members and more than 16 key stakeholder organisations.

Key face-to-face engagement included:



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- A drop-in session at the Town of East Fremantle's Open Day – which was attended by more than 70 people, with 41 people asking questions or providing comments
- Two focus group sessions with the community (attended by 44 residents in total)
- 15 one-on-one meetings with residential neighbours in close proximity to the site
- One focus group session with local businesses and community organisations.

Feedback was also sought on the design concepts including:

- Three drop-in sessions at community open days at Woodside House attended by 85 community members (with more than half asking questions or making comment related to the project)
- A tour of the site with Town of East Fremantle Councillors and senior staff and then a tour of Hall & Prior's Karingal Green Aged Care facility in High Wycombe to show the standard of accommodation and care in a facility providing similar services and a similar number of residents.

Additional material was available and is available on our website [www.woodsideagedcare.com.au](http://www.woodsideagedcare.com.au).

## Why were 26 Dalgety Street and 29 Fortescue Street not mentioned as part of the engagement program?

The two properties to the south of the development – 26 Dalgety Street and 29 Fortescue Street were purchased after the community consultation program in 2020.

The properties will create some distance between the new aged care development and the residential housing to the south. The main part of the houses will be generally retained, with some alterations to provide compliant access and functions required such as accessible ensuites. The new additions to the buildings are arranged in a manner that does not impact on the significance streetscape values of the place.

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