

Expression of Interest

Royal Darwin Hospital Mental Health Unit Design Focus Group

The NTG is currently in the process of developing a new Mental Health facility on the Royal Darwin Hospital Campus. It is proposed the facility will house two units:

- SARA (Stabilisation, Assessment and Referral Area) Unit - a 6 bed unit closely associated with the Emergency Department and for people presenting to the emergency department with mental health concerns, and
- Mental Health Inpatient Unit - an 18 bed acute facility to complement the existing mental health units.

Both areas will be located within the same building over 2 levels adjacent to the existing RDH mental health facilities. The project is currently in the design phase, understanding the functional, clinical and service requirements. Construction is expected to commence in a staged approach in the second half of this year.

Where we need help

Due to the nature of this type of building, the finishes need to be robust to ensure safety of consumers and staff. This can result in a hard, unwelcoming spaces which work against the therapeutic environment needed for optimal care. To balance this the Design Team want to integrate well being components into the building fabric and have included a Place Making Consultant to manage this process. The input into this process of people with lived experience of mental illness is vital. The Design Team need help to negotiate appropriate ways to introduce art and other well being initiatives to create a culturally safe and pleasant environment to recover in. We are seeking the assistance of people with lived experience of mental illness to assist us with this challenging project.

Contact Information

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Age Range 18-24 25-39 40-54 55-69 70+

Information about you

- I am a person with lived experience of mental illness _____
- I am/have been a carer of a person with lived experience of mental illness _____
- I am Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander _____
- I am a person living with a disability _____
- I am a person from a non-English speaking background _____
- I identify as a member of a cultural or ethnic group _____





Availability Week of the 21st March

- Monday 21st (times).....
- Tuesday 22nd (times).....
- Wednesday 23rd (times).....
- Thursday 24th (times)
- Friday 25th (times).....

Other comments

Please include any other comments

Thank you for completing this Expression of Interest. Please return this form via email to: Leanore.Torrens@nt.gov.au or Susan.poppe@nt.gov.au