



ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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New Queensland Surgical Education Centre approved by Council

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The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' development application for expansion of its Spring Hill education centre has been approved by Brisbane City Council.

The College, which trains approximately 90 per cent of all practicing surgeons in Queensland, submitted the application after it was identified a larger, purpose built facility would be required to cater for the increasing demand for surgical training state-wide.

Queensland State Committee Chair Dr Maurice Stevens said the current facility was not able to meet demand for surgical training in Queensland.

"Unfortunately, the current building does not make the best use of the site and it is unable to meet increasing training demand," he said. "The building is old and requires frequent maintenance to keep even the most basic facilities in service."

"We have worked closely with Brisbane City Council to ensure the new facility is designed in a way that minimises impact on local residents, including providing a wide planted buffer between the rear of the site and adjoining neighbours.

"The building is environmentally friendly and has been designed to reflect its purpose as an educational institution. It blends the modern and traditional design elements distinct to the Water Street landscape.

"It will include an underground car park to provide parking for the building's users to preserve the availability of on street parking for nearby residents.

"The new building has been designed to meet the College's needs over the next 40 years. We are excited that the facilities and services provided in the new building will play an important part in improving access to surgical services in Queensland," Dr Stevens said.

Residents who have any questions are encouraged to call the Queensland Surgical Education Centre project team on 1800 184 468.

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