



Why are you redeveloping Wearne Cottesloe?

There is a growing need for various types of aged-related accommodation for residents in Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove, Mosman Park and Claremont. This is a result of an ageing population in these communities. Wearne Cottesloe is owned by all four Councils and operated by Curtin Care, a local not-for-profit organisation. The Wearne Cottesloe site provides a unique opportunity to provide more accommodation options for local residents who want remain in their local communities. It will also allow the current older aged care facilities at the site to be replaced with modern buildings and services.

Will the redevelopment start soon?

Wearne Cottesloe will continue operating in its current form for several years to come and no visible building work will occur for some time. During 2017 we will be undertaking planning and approval activities, so it's unlikely that there will be any significant work at Wearne Cottesloe until at least mid-2018.

What will the redevelopment look like?

There are no plans or designs yet, as we are only at the earliest stages of the redevelopment process. Similarly there are no decisions on height and other physical aspects of the buildings. In simple terms, the goals for the redevelopment are to make best use of the site and provide more accommodation options, while respecting the local environmental context and preserving and renewing the heritage buildings.

Will the heritage buildings be retained?

Yes. Curtin Care takes its role as custodian of the heritage buildings and gardens very seriously. The buildings will be retained, preserved and given new uses – making them more accessible to the wider community.

Can I have input into the redevelopment?

Yes. We will be conducting several community consultation sessions to seek input into the overall plans and designs. We will also be interested in hearing from people about what they think future aged care accommodation needs are likely to be, based on their own or family experience. The consultation sessions will be publicly promoted and will involve the broader community as well as our immediate neighbours.

When will construction work commence?

We are so early in the planning and design process that there is no date

for construction yet. We still have to obtain various planning approvals, develop designs and undertake a wide range of activities throughout 2017. It is highly unlikely that there will be any substantive work on site before mid-2018.

What will happen to the current residents?

Curtin Care will keep the current aged care facility operating while the new care beds are being built on another part of the site. All Wearne Cottesloe residents will be offered a place in the new building. We are confident that existing residents will want to move to the new and improved accommodation that will be on site. However, it is important to recognise that this step is still several years in the future.

What's the difference between Curtin Care and Bethanie?

Curtin Care is a not for profit organisation that owns and is the approved aged care provider for Riversea Mosman Park and Wearne Cottesloe. It has been providing aged care at for approximately 30 years within the local community of Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove, Mosman Park and Claremont. Bethanie is a leading WA age care provider and is contracted by Curtin Care specifically to provide the day-to-day care services at both sites. This has been a very successful and long-term partnership for Curtin Care and Bethanie.

Who should I ask if I have questions about the redevelopment?

If you have questions please email Curtin Care and we will respond to you. However, bear in mind that we are very early in the planning process and there is little detail available. As more information becomes available we will continue to share this with you. Our email is info@curtincare.com.au