

Residential institutions/centres in New South Wales

Redevelopment examples

Summary

In 1998 the NSW Government announced that all residential centres accommodating people with disability would close by 2010.

At the time of the announcement over 2000 people lived in the centres and by mid 2012 around 500 people have moved out to community living options.

In the past 10 years small numbers of non-government-owned centres and government-owned centres have been redeveloped.

A further number of government-owned centre redevelopments have been announced and are currently at various stages of planning and consultation with residents and families.

A further 13 non-government-owned centre redevelopments have also been announced and will be supported with some government funding for transition.

In all cases the centres have reduced the numbers of remaining residents by up to 90% of their original capacity prior to redevelopment.

This has occurred through transitioning people to community living options, prohibiting any new admissions and from aged residents passing away.

Redevelopments/closures - examples

Sunshine Home, Ulonga Street, Greenwich – non-government owned and operated

Operating since 1923 and closed in 2005 with 130 people moved to non-government owned and operated facilities.

Redevelopment Approach / Outcome

Twenty nine community-based small group homes across Sydney.

Comment

Land sold to private developer to build retirement dwellings.

Greystanes Children's Home, Grose St, Leura – non-government owned and operated

Operating since 1954 and closed in 2005 with 34 people (adults) moved to non-government owned and operated facilities.

Redevelopment Approach / Outcome

Seven community-based small group homes across Sydney.

Comment

Existing building reconfigured for alternate usage (no accommodation) by same organization.

Stories of parents, carers and people captured on "A place to call home" DVD.

Peat Island, Mooney Mooney, Central Coast – government owned and operated

Operating since 1911 and closed in 2010 with remaining 76 people moved to two newly-constructed government owned and operated facilities.

Redevelopment Approach / Outcome

Aged care village and community group homes in separate locations on Central Coast operated by non-government provider.

Comment

State Property Authority has been undertaking consultation process with local community and 'Friends of Peat Island' to determine best use of now 'surplus' land. History of Peat Island and redevelopment documented in book, "My Island Home".

Grosvenor centre, Liverpool Road, Summer Hill – government owned and operated

Operating since 1890 and closed in 2008 with remaining 20 people moved to newly constructed government owned and operated facility on-site.

Redevelopment Approach / Outcome

Cluster of group homes on site.

Comment

Land retained by government.

Riverside centre, Bloomfield Hospital, Orange – government owned and operated

Operating since 1924 and scheduled for closure in 2013 with remaining approx 50 people to move to government owned and operated facilities.

Redevelopment Approach / Outcome

Community based small group homes across State and possible specialist services on-site facility.

Comment

Residual land to be returned to Department of Health, Bloomfield Hospital, Orange.

Rydalmere centre, Cnr James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road – government owned and operated

Operating since 1888 and scheduled for closure in 2014 with remaining approx 120 people to move to government owned and operated facilities.

Redevelopment Approach / Outcome

Community based small group homes in Sydney and possible on-site facility.

Comment

Land to be managed by State Property Authority.