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WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

The City of Wanneroo is one of the largest and fastest growing local governments in Australia, already home to more than 250,000 people across 685km^2.

The City is set to grow to more than 438,000 people by 2046, which places strong pressure on existing services.

The current population of the catchment for a proposed Yanchep Hospital is 74,118. This will grow to a catchment of 185,614 people by 2041.

There is currently no hospital within 27 kilometres (approximately a 26-minute drive) of this rapidly growing Strategic Centre, creating a significant gap in access to acute health services.

Planned housing growth and State-supported land releases in the Yanchep corridor will accelerate population growth and further increase demand for health services.

Serving a rapidly expanding metropolitan fringe and a broader catchment extending into surrounding peri-urban communities, demand for a local hospital is urgent and continuing to grow in line with rapid population expansion.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATE?

Currently, the Northwest Sub-Region has only 22 inpatient palliative care beds. Perth's Murdoch day hospice respite service is 30-75km from the City's southernmost to northernmost points. The new Kalamunda Hospital service is even further, at 38-85km from Wanneroo's southernmost and northernmost suburbs.

A hospital for Yanchep was identified in the State Government endorsed Yanchep Two Rocks District Structure Plan in 2008.

During the 2025 State election, Premier Cook acknowledged the need for a hospital in Yanchep within the next 10 years, noting the land parcel has been identified.

Recent investment in primary and urgent care infrastructure provides a strong foundation for staged delivery of a future hospital in Yanchep.

In 2024, the State partnered with Edith Cowan University to deliver a 2-stage health centre including general practice, nursing and allied health.

The Federal Government opended an Urgent Medicare Clinic for Yanchep in February 2026. There is now need to build on this investment to futureproof the health and wellbeing of a rapidly growing community.



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WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY NEED?

To meet current and future demand and deliver equitable access to healthcare, the Yanchep Strategic Centre requires a local hospital integrating primary, secondary and hospice care.

The facility should have capability to expand to a tertiary level and leverage technology to deliver:

- 24/7 inpatient needs
- outpatient services
- local access to medical specialists
- inpatient and outpatient palliative care and co-located day hospice respite services.

This will reduce pressure on existing metropolitan hospitals and improve access to timely care for residents in Perth's northern corridor.

A local hospital will also support health workforce attraction and retention, reducing reliance on long-distance commuting and strengthening local employment opportunities.



Yanchep catchment hospital bed demand*

Year	Population+	Beds
2026	74,118	259
2031	103,571	362
2036	132,115	462
2041	159,094	557
2046	185,614	650

City of Wanneroo total bed demand*

Year	Population+	Beds
2026	257,893	903
2031	300,560	1,052
2036	346,273	1,212
2041	393,710	1,378
2046	438,190	1,534

Source: *Beds requirement @3.5/1000 national average, Medical Journal of Australia.
+ Population forecasts, id Informed Decisions.

HOW CAN WE MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN?

The City of Wanneroo asks the State and/or Federal Government to:

Develop and fund a business case to determine timeframes, infrastructure requirements and investment pathway to deliver a hospital capable of tertiary-level expansion in Yanchep.

For more information, visit **wanneroo.wa.gov.au/advocacy**

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