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REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To provide council with an update in regards to the Canowindra Medical Centre project, and determine Cabonne Council's preferred site location.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	3.2.3.b - Advocate on behalf of health services in Cabonne as identified
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT council endorse a preferred location for the new Canowindra Medical Centre, Option A, being the council owned land on the corner of Blatchford and Mill streets, in the Canowindra CBD.

LEADER - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY REPORT

The long-term viability of health services in Canowindra is a priority for the residents of Canowindra and is therefore an issue that council has been actively trying to resolve. This formed a high-priority project in council's 2017-2021 Delivery Program.

To address this priority the Mayor and General Manager have had several meetings with the NSW Minister for Health, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, seeking support in enhancement of general practice health services to the Canowindra township and area.

Cabonne Council entered into a partnership with Western NSW Local Health District to engage Destravis Group to assist in the delivery of a strategic plan for a HealthOne-style Master Plan.

This led to a commitment from the NSW Government in the 2021-22 State Budget of a \$6 million investment for a HealthOne facility in Canowindra, with \$500,000 dedicated to commence a Master Plan process this financial year.

The key priorities of the Master Plan are to:

1. Maintain and enhance access to primary and community health services in town, particularly into the future (e.g. maintain existing strengths).

2. Improvements to transport connections, in particular for persons without access to a car and for the elderly.
3. Increase focus on health prevention and early intervention – collaborative care approaches – managing member so the community proactively by a risk profile to ensure deterioration of conditions does not occur – improving health outcomes and reducing the burden of disease on quality of life.
4. Further support and development of aged care services in town, in particular for home care and home assistance - improve access to seniors housing and affordable accommodation for people in Canowindra.
5. Build upon and connect into Canowindra's tourism and arts hub focus – e.g., create synergies between health and other sectors in Canowindra.

A design charrette, with key stakeholders, was held on 27 October 2021 to discuss, and form the key elements of a Health Precinct for Canowindra. Following the Design Charrette, two sites were identified as the best options for the development of the Medical Centre.

Option A is the council owned land on the north east corner of Blatchford and Mill streets, in the Canowindra CBD. This site provides close proximity to Gaskill Street services, allows for on-site parking, and has the potential to be able to co-locate up to eight residential units in addition to the Medical Centre.

Option B is a new development co-located at the Canowindra Hospital Precinct. This site would be integrated into the hospital, with parking to be increased. Improvements to the pedestrian pathways in the area would need to be undertaken, and community transport link would be required. There is no residential unit option currently identified at this site.

Following consultation on 16 February 2022 with both the Canowindra Retirement Village Working Committee and the Canowindra community (through the Cabonne Council Community BBQ and Consultations), Option A has been identified by the community as the most feasible option, particularly given its central location and linkages to Gaskill Street amenities.

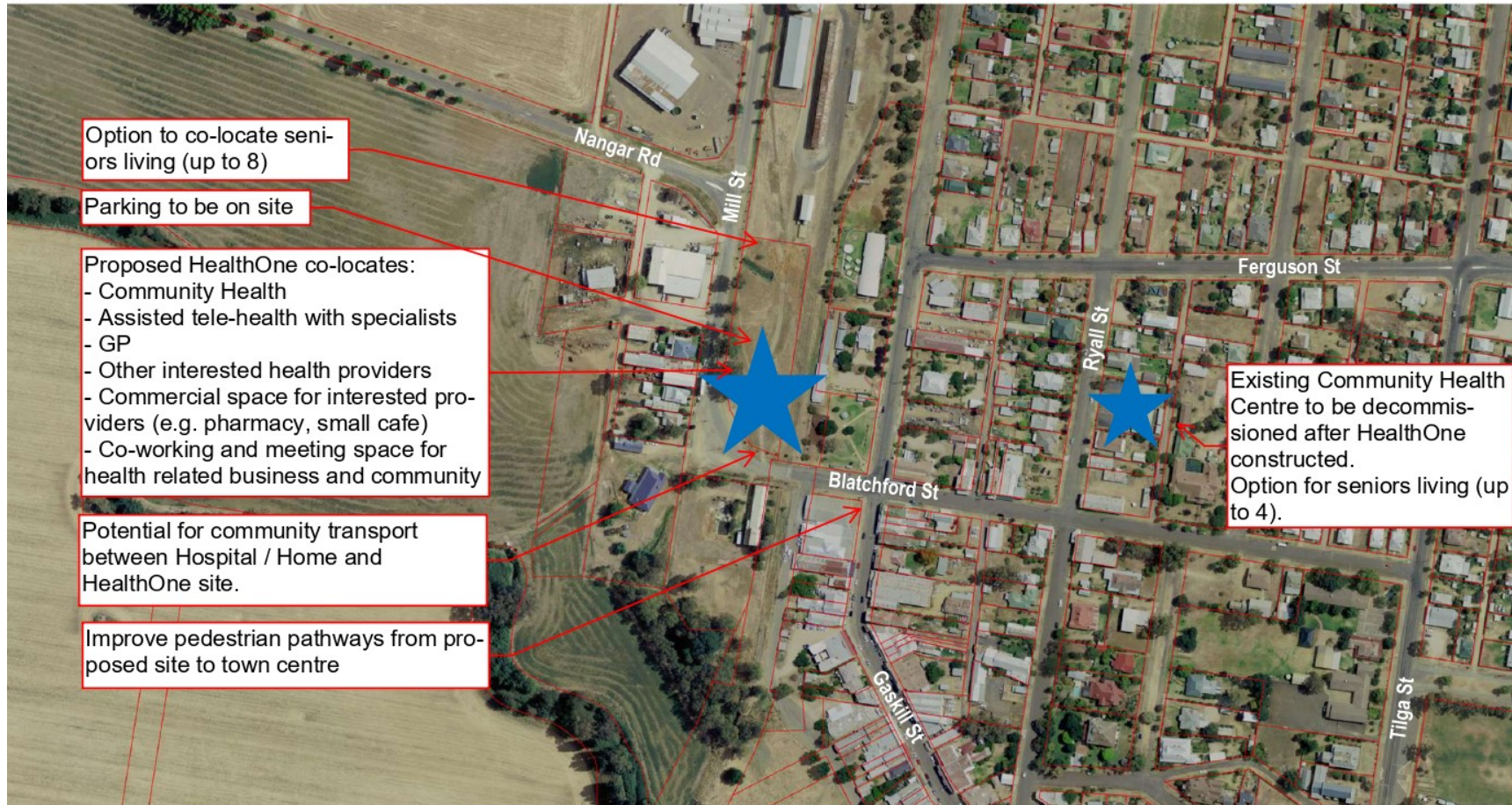
As the Option A site is currently owned by Cabonne Council, formal discussions will need to take place with NSW Health in relation to land ownership, and possible sub-division.

The endorsed location would be provided to NSW Health as part of the development of the detailed Master Plan process, with further site plans to be shared with both Council and the community.

Council staff will continue to provide updates to councilors on advancements throughout the process.

Canowindra Health Precinct

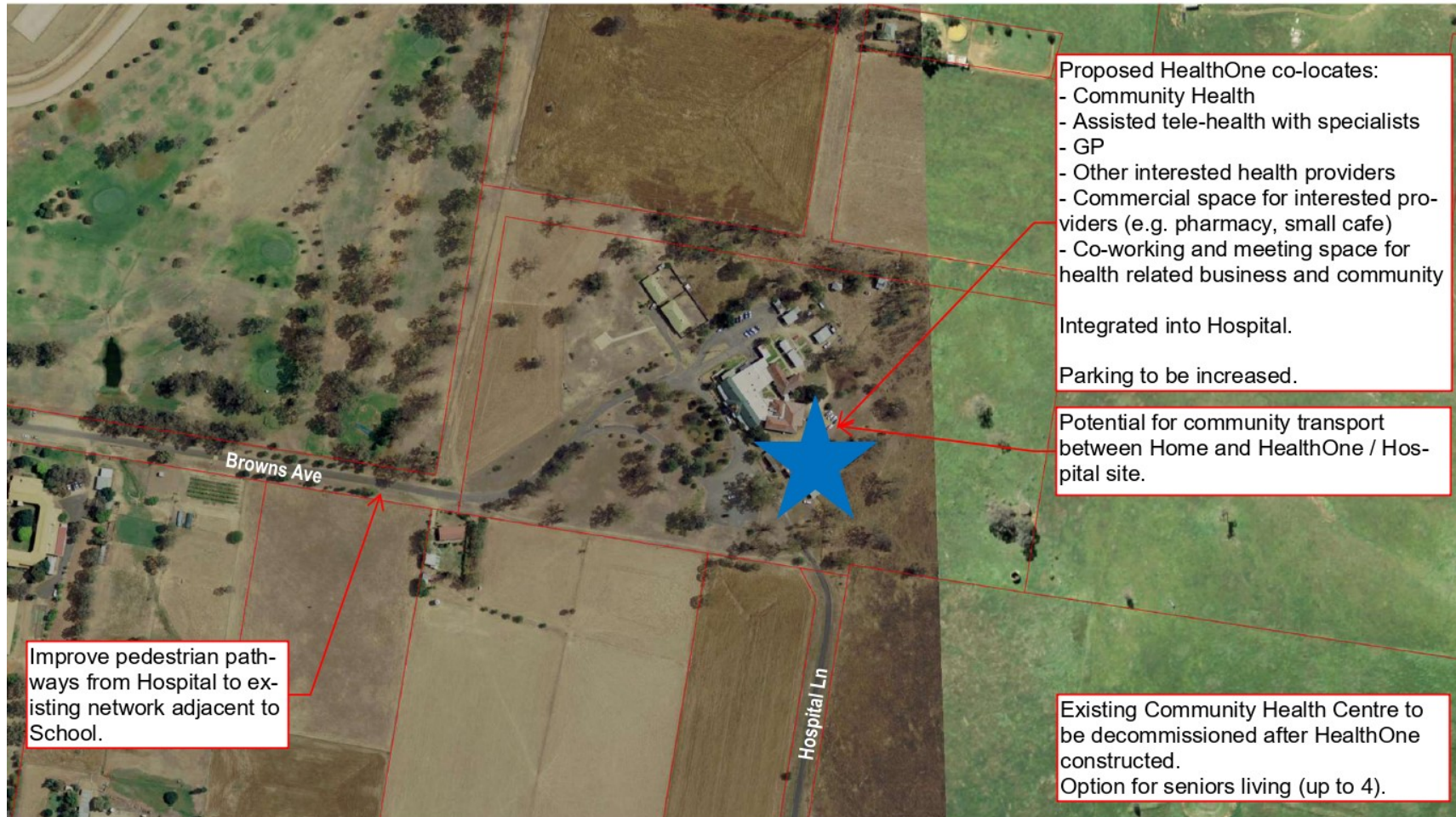
Canowindra CBD Precinct Option A



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Canowindra Health Precinct

Canowindra Hospital Precinct Option B



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