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Information for
General Practitioners

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Master planning update

Our Buderim Private Hospital Strategic and Ten Year Master plans are now complete.

Working with key stakeholders including staff members and specialist doctors, we have identified what the local environment will be like in the coming years, including population growth and technology innovations and the opportunity and impact these will have on our hospital. Importantly, we have also looked at what is changing in the way that our patients and our community want to experience healthcare services.

I look forward to sharing our vision and further details about these plans with you over the coming months and years and how these plans will affect you and your patients.

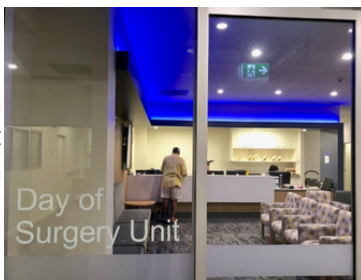
Wallis Westbrook, General Manager



Theatre expansion and DOSA upgrade

Buderim Private Hospital recently invested \$3.7 million dollars to build a purpose-built endoscopy suite and an additional operating theatre.

The hospital's operating theatre utilisation had reached its maximum level so the expansion provides the opportunity to increase the number of surgical procedures so patients experience decreased waiting times prior to having their procedure.



The endoscopy suite has been open since March 2019 and has been well received by the surgical team and clinicians. Previously, endoscopy procedures were conducted in theatre 6 which has now been refurbished to make it again a fully functional operating theatre.

Endoscopy clinical nurse Yvette Watts said: "It is nice to have a purpose-built area with improved flows for the patients and staff."

The upgrade to our Day of Surgery Area (DOSA) has also enhanced patient outcomes due to the bigger and more comfortable admission and waiting room environment.

Buderim Private Hospital now has eight dedicated operating theatres, an endoscopy suite and two cardiac vascular theatres.

Emergency Centre cardiac patient pathway

Buderim Private has an evidence-based chest pain pathway that starts upon patient presentation to the Emergency Centre and flows through to hospital admission.

Our chest pain patient pathway is the gold standard of care for chest pain patients presenting to emergency departments.

These pathways improve the management of patients by guiding clinicians through the risk stratification and outlining the best practice management, aligning with the National Heart Foundation/Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand Guidelines for the management of acute coronary syndromes.



Education Session: Depression and TMS explained

Presented by Psychiatrist, **Dr Andy Hughes**, this free information session will explain depression and TMS (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation) and what families and carers can do to help.

Event details are as follows:

5.30pm, Wednesday 22 May

Cooinda Mental Health Service
Day Program (Ground Level,
Group Rooms 2 and 3)

RSVP to Sharon Hage on 07 5452 0658 or
bph.cooinda@uhealth.com.au



Medicare-subsidised MRI licence now available at Buderim

In March 2019, Buderim Private Hospital Medical Imaging was granted a Medicare-subsidised MRI licence from the Federal Government.

Around 25,000 people are admitted to Buderim Private Hospital each year, but until now those patients needing MRI scans for serious medical conditions including cancer, stroke and heart attacks, were experiencing significant out-of-pocket costs. Now those patients, along with public patients from across the Sunshine Coast, can have subsidised MRIs at Buderim Private.

The Federal Government received more than 400 applications from around Australia, and we were successful in securing one of only 50 additional licences which were granted. As a result of this licence, most imaging will incur no out-of-pocket expense with the remainder being significantly discounted.

This licence has already commenced and will benefit the health and wellbeing of the people for the Sunshine Coast and our surrounding communities long into the future.



Latest Care to Share videos

Help, I have a baby. What do I do now? by **Dr Anthony Morosini**

What to expect when you go to emergency by **Dr Jessica Mills**

Hip replacements don't have to be a pain by **Dr Bernard Tamba-Lebbie**

New private obstetric service

Earlier this year Sunshine Obstetrics, a new private obstetric service opened, which is making private obstetric care more accessible for Sunshine Coast patients.

The new service offers patients a cost effective option (patients can expect to be out of pocket \$990 if they have access to Medicare and private health insurance) and birthing at the Buderim Private Hospital.

The model is based on shared care during antenatal, birth and postnatal care by a team of obstetricians and midwives. Doctors James Orford, Kirsten Morrow and George Bogiatzis are co-owners of Sunshine Obstetrics and their new service is in addition to their current private practice.

It is recommended by Sunshine Obstetrics that if a patient has a strong preference for a particular obstetrician, they will need to be referred to their individual private practice rather than Sunshine Obstetrics. More information can be found by visiting www.sunshineobstetrics.com.au

This new service compliments the private obstetric services provided by our other experienced credentialed obstetricians. These specialist doctors are:- Dr Nerida Flannery, Dr Kylie Isaacs, Dr Kelvin Larwood, Dr James Moir, Dr Dana Moisuc and Dr Paul Stokes.



Launch of new maternity webpages

The hospital recently launched its new maternity webpages which can be viewed here:

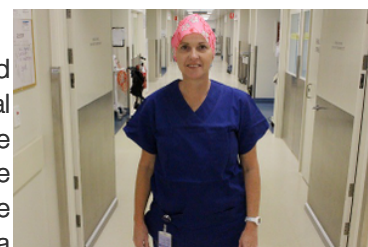
www.buderimprivatehospital.com.au/maternity

These pages provide a great resource for our community members to better understand what services our hospital maternity unit provides – the comprehensive webpages cover everything from preparing for pregnancy and birth, admission and labour, to post-admission and recovery.



Staff profile - meet Raylee Harris

Raylee Harris recently joined the Buderim Private Hospital team as the Clinical Nurse Manager, Perioperative Services. Prior to joining the hospital, Raylee worked as a



perioperative nurse, educator and manager for over 27 years in hospitals across New South Wales and Queensland.

Raylee leads a team of 170 staff, works with a team of doctors and anaesthetists numbering more than 40, and is responsible for managing the perioperative complex which includes eight operating theatres, an endoscopy procedure room and a range of high-tech equipment, including a [Da Vinci Xi robot](#) and [O-ARM surgical navigation system](#) for neurosurgery and spinal surgical procedures.

“My job is to make sure that every patient that comes into this operating theatre has a good experience and safe procedure, and that staff go home satisfied they have done a good job,” Raylee said.

“Perioperative nursing is what I do and what I will end up doing for my entire career. I like the technical aspects of the job, having to know many procedures, and also the collegiality of a team working together to get it right,” she said.

Raylee said: “I am really enjoying working for a Church-based organisation that has strong values and a long history of helping to care for the community,” she said.

Acute Admissions - 07 5430 3314	Breast Clinic referrals - 07 5452 0500
Emergency Centre - 07 5452 0599	Acute Mental Health referrals - 1300 780 413

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Did you know?

Did you know we often have furry visitors to the hospital?

Meet labradoodles Elmo and Cash from Smart Pups Assistance Dogs who visited the hospital recently as part of their training to better help children with special needs.



Smart Pups specialise in providing trained service dogs to assist children with conditions such as autism and seizure-related syndromes, including epilepsy. Almost all the children that Smart Pups help are required to have regular hospital visits. For some, it is frequent and ongoing which is why an essential part of the training of each dog is in a clinical environment so that they are prepared for the smell, sound and feel of a hospital.

Our unique local partnership with Smart Pups Assistance Dogs has been in place for over four years and their visits are always thoroughly enjoyed by both our staff and patients.

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