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## New name, same one-on-one care

The Sunshine Coast Private Hospital at Buderim is now known as Buderim Private Hospital.



With a number of new hospitals operating in the area with a similar title to its previous name, and after talking to the local community, employees and doctors, it was clear it was the right time for a change of name.

The new name, Buderim Private Hospital, not only honours the hospital's history and strong ties to the local community but also seeks to recognise the unique care and services that Buderim Private Hospital provides.

Since the hospital is located centrally on the Sunshine Coast, changing the name to the Buderim Private Hospital makes the physical location much clearer to the entire Sunshine Coast Community, including how accessible it is to the Maroochydore, Caloundra in the south, Noosa in the north and hinterland towns such as Maleny.

The hospital's onsite radiology service provider, Sunshine Coast Medical Imaging, has also changed its name and is now known as [Buderim Private Medical Imaging](#).

*Pictured are Wallis Westbrook, General Manager, with Dr Ian Mackle, Director of the Buderim Private Hospital Intensive Care Unit*

## Save the date - GP education for 2018

Buderim Private Hospital regularly holds free continuing professional development events for Sunshine Coast GPs. The topics and dates for the 2018 events will be:

- Mental health - Saturday 17 March (Coinda Mental Health Service)
- Men's health - Saturday 28 July (Mantra Mooloolaba)

- Women's health - Saturday 17 November (Mantra Mooloolaba)

The upcoming Mental Health Conference will feature the latest updates on mental health from your local specialists. Look out for the program information and registration details in your inbox soon!

## Specialist Spotlight

Welcome to the specialists who have recently joined our Buderim Private Hospital team.

### Dr

### Khaldoon Alsaee

Psychiatrist  
and Pain  
Medicine  
Specialist

07 5452  
0506

Dr Alsaee has commenced working in full-time private practice at our Coinda Mental Health Service and Coinda Clinic, and will be practicing in both Psychiatry and Pain Medicine.

Dr Alsaee completed his medical degree at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland and moved shortly after to Australia to complete training in Psychiatry through the Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.



### Dr Jill

### O'Donnell

Vascular  
Surgeon

07 5408  
7419

Trained in both Ireland and Australia, Dr O'Donnell specialises in minimally invasive endovascular and open vascular surgical care.

Her interests are open and endovascular approaches to aneurysmal disease, extra cranial carotid disease, renal access and peripheral vascular disease including radiofrequency ablation of varicose veins.



## Care to Share update

Check out the latest videos in our [Care to Share](#) video series!

*Bosom Buddies - Mythbusting the causes of breast cancer* with Dr Lisa Creighton

*Why we are now named Buderim Private Hospital* with Wallis Westbrook

## Robotic surgery introduced to help prostate cancer patients

Sunshine Coast men now have access to leading [robotic surgical services](#) to treat prostate cancer at the Buderim Private Hospital.

With assistance from a generous benefactor, the hospital has invested over \$3 million in the Da Vinci Xi surgical robotic system which will allow minimally invasive procedures to be conducted primarily in the field of urology.



The introduction of this service has been closely developed and implemented with support from The Wesley Hospital, which like Buderim Private Hospital, is also part of the UnitingCare Health. The Wesley Hospital has the largest robotic program in Australia and was recently recognised as [Australia's first Centre of Excellence in Robotic Surgery](#) by international accrediting body, the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC).

Urologist [Dr Tim Nathan](#) is the hospital's lead of the robotic surgical program. Dr Nathan trained in robotic surgery at The Wesley Hospital and has been performing robotic prostatectomies for the past three years.

Joining Dr Nathan in performing robotic prostate surgery will be The Wesley Hospital's surgeon, [Dr Troy Gianduzzo](#), who was recently awarded an Associate Professorship at the University of Queensland.

The purchase of the Da Vinci Xi surgical robotic system further strengthens the Buderim Private Hospital's commitment to men's health and its provision of services to treat a range of common health conditions, including both benign and malignant prostate issues.

Last year, two of the hospital's urologists, [Dr Tony Gianduzzo](#) and Dr Tim Nathan, introduced Queensland's first robotic transperineal prostatic biopsy system, the Mona Lisa BioBot. This system enables better diagnosis, grading and treatment choices for patients with clinically significant prostate cancer.

*Pictured is Dr Tim Nathan, Urologist, with the Da Vinci robot*

## Cooinda Mental Health Service honoured with award

The hospital's [Cooinda Mental Health Service](#) was honoured at the 2017 Queensland Mental Health Week Achievement Awards, winning the Not-for-Profit Award category.



General Manager, Wallis Westbrook, said the award

is recognition of the Cooinda Mental Health Service's work to improve the lives of our Sunshine Coast community and the impact this service is having on the community.

"Mental health is one of the major health issues currently facing Australians and this extends to our Sunshine Coast community. Through the Cooinda Mental Health Service, we will continue to support people living with mental illness.

"Our mission at the Cooinda Mental Health Service is to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and their families by combining best-practice treatment programs and community outreach while continually striving to expand and develop new programs and initiatives that respond to the needs of individuals and our community," Mr Westbrook said.

The Queensland Mental Health Week Achievement Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements of individuals, groups and organisations working to reduce the stigma around mental health while supporting and empowering those living with mental illness.

*Pictured L-R: Berquin Human, Wallis Westbrook, Sue Thew, Kathy Carfantan, Steve Allsopp and Rae Priaulx.*

## Quick info

Acute Admissions - 07 5430 3314	Breast Clinic referrals - 07 5452 0500
Buderim Heart Centre - 1300 675 897	Acute Mental Health referrals - 1300 780 413

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