

Springfield Scoop

Healthcare for the people of Greater Springfield

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Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School student Leticia Salas

Dr Crane arrives on site!

Congratulations to six-year-old Leticia Salas who trounced more than 300 contestants to win Mater's 'Name the Crane' competition at Springfield.

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School student chose Dr Crane for the 50-metre-high crane on the construction site of the new Mater hospital on Heath Care Drive.

"The reason why I named it Dr Crane is because doctors help people – and the crane is helping build the hospital that will help people," Leticia said.

Dr Crane is supporting John Holland Queensland workers in the construction of Mater Private Hospital Springfield Stage 2 – a major expansion of Mater's existing hospital that will provide an extra 174 public beds for the community.

A second crane at the new hospital has been named Galu – an Indigenous name for a crane bird – following a separate competition for nearby Aveo residents and Mater staff. The winning suggestion was made by hospital staff members Shiny John and Nadia Wilson.

Mater extends a heartfelt thank you to all contestants who participated in the community-focused competitions.

Mater Hospital Springfield is being built through a partnership between the State Government and Mater.



Scan the QR code to view the Stage 2 introduction video.

Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of Springfield Scoop.

As Mater embarks on another year of growing and enhancing our healthcare services in Springfield, I would like to reflect on the major milestones we achieved in 2023.

Mater Health Hub, Springfield opened late last year, delivering Mater's first purpose-built education, healthcare and wellbeing centre.

The hub offers a range of specialist care as well as allied health services, with a special focus on women, children and families.

The hub is also home to Mater Education and the first cohort of Diploma of Nursing students started their journey to becoming healthcare professionals in October 2023.

Building on Mater Pathology services in the region, our state-of-the-art Silkstone collection centre opened, providing late-night testing services for Springfield patients and clinicians.

Finally, construction on the community's new public hospital is well underway. This facility will deliver a comprehensive range of contemporary healthcare services, including maternity care, an Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit.

We have achieved so much since Mater moved to Springfield in 2015 – and there is much more to come.

Mater will continue to keep you posted on our important news throughout the year.

And most importantly of all, we promise to keep providing exceptional care for this community.

Suzanne Hawksley

General Manager
Mater Private
Hospital Springfield



Springfield's new hospital starts to take shape

Greater Springfield's new hospital on Health Care Drive is starting to take shape with the facility's foundation laid and the framework for two floors completed.

For the first time, people living in the area will have a dedicated hospital for their community, including an Emergency Department, an Intensive Care Unit and maternity services to meet the demands of growing families in the region.

Enabling works including relocating Mater Private Hospital Springfield car park,

Ambulance Bay and loading dock were completed last year in preparation for construction of the new hospital.

Work to date includes installation of underground utility services, and the commencement of the main structure.

The construction of the external structure is expected to be complete by 2025 with the internal fit out commencing mid 2024.

Mater Hospital Springfield will deliver an additional 174 public beds and is set to open in 2026.

Mater Private Hospital Springfield Leadership Team

The leadership team at Mater Private Hospital Springfield won the prestigious Clinical Excellence Award at the annual celebration of Mater's state-wide hospital and healthcare services.

The Mater People Awards shine a spotlight on employees and teams who deliver outstanding outcomes and inspire their colleagues with their passion and commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders.

More than 300 nominations for 15 categories were received for the 2023 awards, with 64 finalists attending a gala event where winners were announced.



Mater Private Hospital Springfield Leadership

Led by Mater Private Hospital Springfield General Manager Suzanne Hawksley, leadership team members Christine Cullen, Vanessa Leishmann and Billy Jovanovic accepted the award from Mater Board Deputy Chair Virginia Ryan.



Mater Education's first cohort of Springfield Diploma of Nursing students

Growing the healthcare workforce of tomorrow

More than 115 school leavers and career-switchers have taken up the opportunity for a fee-free Diploma of Nursing course at Springfield.

Students enrolled in Mater Education's first Diploma of Nursing program in Springfield will qualify as Enrolled Nurses in 2025 – and with zero student debt.

Mater Education is committed to building an exceptional local healthcare workforce through excellence and expertise in education.

It is renowned for delivering engaging training through state-of-the-art simulation technologies and is Australia's only nationally-accredited,

independent, hospital-based Registered Training Organisation.

As part of their course, Diploma of Nursing students are set to gain hands-on, real-life experience through placements at the nearby Mater Private Hospital Springfield.

In addition to the Diploma of Nursing, Mater Education in Springfield offers a range of qualifications, including the Certificate III in Pathology Collection.

Mater Education Pathology Collection graduate Kevin Freeman decided to switch gears and pursue a career in healthcare after 38 years as a fitter and turner.

"I totally love my new career as a phlebotomist. It's a challenging role but extremely rewarding," Mr Freeman said.

"I should have done this years ago." Mr Freeman graduated last year and has already started his new role at Mater Pathology as a qualified phlebotomist.

Mater Education in Springfield also offers First Aid for Babies and Vocational Education and Training courses available to students while they are still at school (VETiS).

To learn more about Mater Education's offerings at Mater Health Hub, Springfield, visit matereducation.qld.edu.au

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Pathology Collection

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Community Corner

Mater has been part of the Springfield community since 2015, working with residents to ensure the services we provide meet your changing and evolving needs.

We value your feedback on our current healthcare services and welcome the opportunity to discuss Mater's plans for Greater Springfield's new hospital.

If you have an upcoming event and would like an update on Mater healthcare services for Springfield, or if you would like to register interest in being part of Mater's Springfield Customer Advisory Committee, please email springfieldhospital2@mater.org.au

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Kate Maynard, Lactation Consultant; Mandy Carr, Mater Health Hub Springfield Manager and Karyn Devlin, Physiotherapist

Mater Health Hub, Springfield

A new era in healthcare delivery

For the first time in more than 100 years of caring for Queenslanders, Mater is delivering healthcare services outside the four walls of a hospital, and in a community setting.

Mater's first purpose-built education, health and wellbeing facility marks a new milestone in the delivery of Mater services and brings the collective expertise of Mater Health and Mater Education to the heart of Springfield.

Located on Southern Cross Circuit, Springfield Central, the new health and wellbeing

facility delivers multidisciplinary services for mothers and babies, women's health, cancer care, chronic disease management and healthy ageing.

Our team of experienced podiatrists, physiotherapists and dieticians offer on-site treatment and services including a range of group exercise and wellness classes.

A wide range of allied health services are available including:

- podiatry
- antenatal physiotherapy
- postnatal physiotherapy
- nutrition and dietetics
- men's health physiotherapy.



Scan the QR code for a comprehensive list of health and wellbeing services and our dedicated and highly skilled team of private specialists that are available at Mater Health Hub, Springfield.

Revolution in hysterectomy surgery comes to Springfield

A new hysterectomy procedure that leaves no scars and causes little pain has been performed at Mater Private Hospital Springfield for the first time.

The minimally invasive surgery, performed by Mater gynaecologist Dr James McLaren, eliminates the need for surgical incisions in the patient's abdomen.

Patient Kylie Godfrey, 49, of Logan Village, said her life changed dramatically after the Vaginal Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (vNOTES) and she was "up and about straight after surgery, and home the next day".

Dr McLaren studied the technique while working at London's King's College Hospital and is one of only a handful of Queensland surgeons qualified to perform the procedure.

Compared with an abdominal hysterectomy procedure, where recovery can take up to six weeks, vNOTES provide benefits such as reduced operating times, faster recovery, less post-operative pain and decreased blood loss.

vNOTES hysterectomies can be performed for a number of conditions such as uterine fibroids, prolapse of the uterus, pelvic pain, abnormal or heavy menstrual bleeding, and painful periods.



Mater Private Hospital Springfield patient Kylie Godfrey after surgery