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Mater Springfield

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Meeting the growing healthcare needs of the Greater Springfield community

Stage one of hospital taking shape

Construction of stage one of Mater Private Hospital Springfield is progressing to schedule with both the interior and exterior of the building taking shape.

The hospital is on track to open to patients before the end of this year.

Scaffolding is gradually being removed to show an impressive exterior while installation of services is continuing across all floors. Some of the equipment and furnishings are being installed, particularly in the theatre rooms and kitchens.

The furnishings and décor for the hospital are finalised as a result of a consumer engagement process with Mater staff. Over 100 people visited two prototype rooms replicating a patient ward and cancer care treatment pod at the end of last year, where they provided feedback on the layout, design and décor of the rooms.

Stage one of Mater Private Hospital Springfield is an 80-bed hospital, which will include a cancer care centre, four operating theatres, inpatient wards and medical services for both inpatients and outpatients.

Mater has a master plan for the hospital precinct within Health City Springfield Central, a 52-hectare health and wellness precinct, which incorporates a number of expansion stages which will be rolled out to meet the demands of the region.

To see the final design of stage one please visit www.mater.org.au/mphs and view a new flythrough video of the hospital.



Construction of Mater Private Hospital Springfield

Introducing the Director of Mater Springfield

Fritha Mackay has been appointed to the position of Director of Mater Springfield. Fritha has spent the past 12 months working on several projects at Mater Health Services in South Brisbane and is excited to be bringing Mater Private Hospital Springfield to Greater Springfield when it opens at the end of this year.

“My role has two parts. One is getting stage one of MPHS up and running and establishing a great team to deliver the best health service possible for Greater Springfield,” Ms Mackay said.



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Good Shepherd Primary School students show their artwork to Mater Springfield Director Fritha Mackay and their Principal Judith Anne Seery.

Students' artistic talent celebrated

Local school students will see their creativity come to life when Mater Private Hospital Springfield opens at the end of the year by taking part in an interactive community arts program.

Twenty Year 5 and 6 students from Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School at Springfield Lakes the last group to take part in an artist workshop on Friday 24 April, facilitated by Ipswich artist Lee Fullarton. Lee will take inspiration from their concepts to create a unique piece of artwork for the hospital that the whole community will be able to admire.

Mater Springfield Director Fritha Mackay said as 'community' underpinned Mater's values and approach to healthcare, it was important to include local children in the arts strategy for the new hospital so their creative inspiration and talents were appreciated by all Greater Springfield residents.

"Several artists were chosen to initially engage with students and develop ideas around the concepts of 'legacy' and 'identity'. The artists will then use these artworks as inspiration and weave the students' concepts into their artwork that will take pride of place in stage one of Mater Private Hospital Springfield.

"We are looking forward to seeing the end result and unveiling the spectacular artworks when the hospital opens later in the year," she said.

Over the past month, students have been working on their art concepts with the thought of health and wellbeing in mind.

Recruitment process commences

Interest in employment opportunities at Mater Private Hospital Springfield from existing Mater staff and the Greater Springfield community has been very strong, with people enquiring about clinical and non-clinical roles.

Several senior positions have been advertised with the remaining vacancies, expected to be approximately 100, to be advertised over the next few months on [Mater's careers website](#), as well as on the [SEEK employment website](#). Roles for perioperative nurses are currently being advertised to allow for training prior to opening. People interested in employment at the hospital can also join our Talent Community through the Mater's careers website to receive alerts when new positions are advertised.

House for Life goes under the hammer

A piece of tranquil Springfield Lakes could be yours by bidding for this year's luxury Plantation Homes House for Life on 23 May, with all proceeds going to Mater Little Miracles.

Perfect as a new family home, it has been built purely by volunteer tradespeople and Plantation Homes has rallied its suppliers to donate materials for the spacious four-bedroom home.

The house, which comes with all display furniture, has been built to a high specification and features a large open plan living and dining area, a gourmet kitchen with butler's pantry and a alfresco dining area.

Located at 12 Foreshore Drive at Springfield Lakes, the auction starts at 10 am. For more information visit www.house4life.com.au.



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