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# Mater Springfield

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Meeting the growing healthcare needs of the Greater Springfield community

## The final details

The final stages of construction are currently underway at Mater Private Hospital Springfield ensuring the \$85 million facility is on track to welcome its first patients in late 2015. The media will have a sneak peek inside the facility on Friday 2 October.

Hospital Director Fritha Mackay said she was excited to share Mater Private Hospital Springfield's progress, with construction entering the final stages.

"Our managers are well into their hospital orientation and training and the rest of the team will join us on 12 October," Ms Mackay said.

The complete team will be involved in a 24 hour hospital simulation event prior to the opening of the hospital, to ensure the highest level of clinical safety.

On opening, the surgical and medical services at the hospital will include: General Medicine; Medical Oncology; Radiation Oncology; Rehabilitation; Respiratory; Ear, Nose and Throat; Gastroenterology; General Surgery; Gynaecology; Ophthalmology; Oral and Maxillofacial; Orthopaedics; Plastics and Urology.

The facility has been designed to use new technology where possible. Each room has integrated room control allowing patients to control the temperature, blinds and lighting with the touch of a button.

The digital operating theatres were designed by experienced Mater team members to ensure good patient flow and feature super graphics on the wall to help surgeons refocus their eyes.

There is an evident focus on a family-centred approach. Each spacious private room features a fold-out bed and family and friends can visit at any time, without restricted visiting hours.

Ms Mackay said the long-term outlook for healthcare in the region is an exciting prospect.

"I have been personally privileged to be involved in Mater Private Hospital Springfield's progressive approach to healthcare to bring this concept to fruition. Very few managers have the opportunity to open a new facility and build a team from scratch."



Graphics in operating theatres help surgeons refocus their eyes



Mater Private Hospital Springfield managers at orientation

## Partnering with the community

Mater Private Hospital Springfield has joined with local radio station River 94.9 to share interviews with a range of staff and patients, with the community, airing from Monday 5 October.

*"The community is at the heart of our hospital. Even the artwork in the hospital was inspired by children of the local schools. As the community continues to grow our hospital will grow with it."* Director, Fritha Mackay

*"I was first diagnosed with breast cancer 16 years ago. I'm looking forward to Springfield's Mater Cancer Care Centre – it's only 20 minutes from my house which is excellent."* Cancer patient, Helen

*"As the Medical Oncologist at Mater Private Hospital Springfield, I'm looking forward to working in the community close to home, meeting people and providing the best possible care for cancer patients."* Medical Oncologist, Dr Amit Sharma

*"My vision for the nursing team is to provide excellence in care that is patient and family focussed and contributes to positive patient outcomes."* Nursing Director, Betsy Taylor



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Mater Private Hospital Springfield Director Fritha Mackay with CEO Queensland X-Ray Dr Philip Dubois at the MRI installation

## MRI installation

**It took a lot of planning and precision to crane a 7.5 tonne MRI machine through the side of the building into the new Mater Private Hospital Springfield.**

The MRI forms part of the new service Queensland X-Ray will be offering local residents at the \$85 million Mater Private Hospital Springfield, as part of Greater Springfield Health City.

The MRI installation was a precise operation, beginning with the removal of window panes from the side of the hospital. The MRI delivery took approximately four hours, with the engineer's installation of the MRI taking an additional six days to complete.

Dr Mahomed Seedat, Managing Radiologist at Mater Private Hospital Springfield, said an MRI examination requires specialised equipment which is only available at selected Queensland X-Ray practices.

"Queensland X-Ray's expansion to Mater Private Hospital Springfield means local residents will no longer need to travel to Brisbane for an MRI."

### Join us as we open the doors of Mater Private Hospital Springfield to the community

**Mater Private Hospital Springfield Community Open Day**

Sunday 18 October, 10 am to 3 pm  
Health Care Drive (off Sinnathamby Boulevard), Springfield Central

We invite you to take a sneak-peek inside your new hospital while enjoying a range of family activities and entertainment.

Mater Private Hospital Springfield tours by registration only. Please visit [www.mater.org.au/mphs](http://www.mater.org.au/mphs) to register for your free hospital tour.

## Hospital fast facts

- 4 operating theatres
- 64 inpatient beds
- 16 day beds
- 15 chemotherapy chairs
- 2 radiation treatment rooms
- 5 beds to support sleep studies
- 2 VIP rooms
- Almost 70% of employees live locally and almost 40% currently work for Mater
- Isolation room with negative pressure for patients with infectious illnesses
- A healing garden
- A chapel and multi-faith centre - a piece of leadlight in the chapel window dates back to the 1800s
- The hospital has a 'sacrificial wall' to allow for future expansion
- Patients can order from a dietician-approved room service menu
- Each room has integrated room control allowing patients to control temperature, blinds and lighting
- Family centred care with a fold-out bed in every room and no set visiting hours
- The artwork on the walls was inspired by local school students