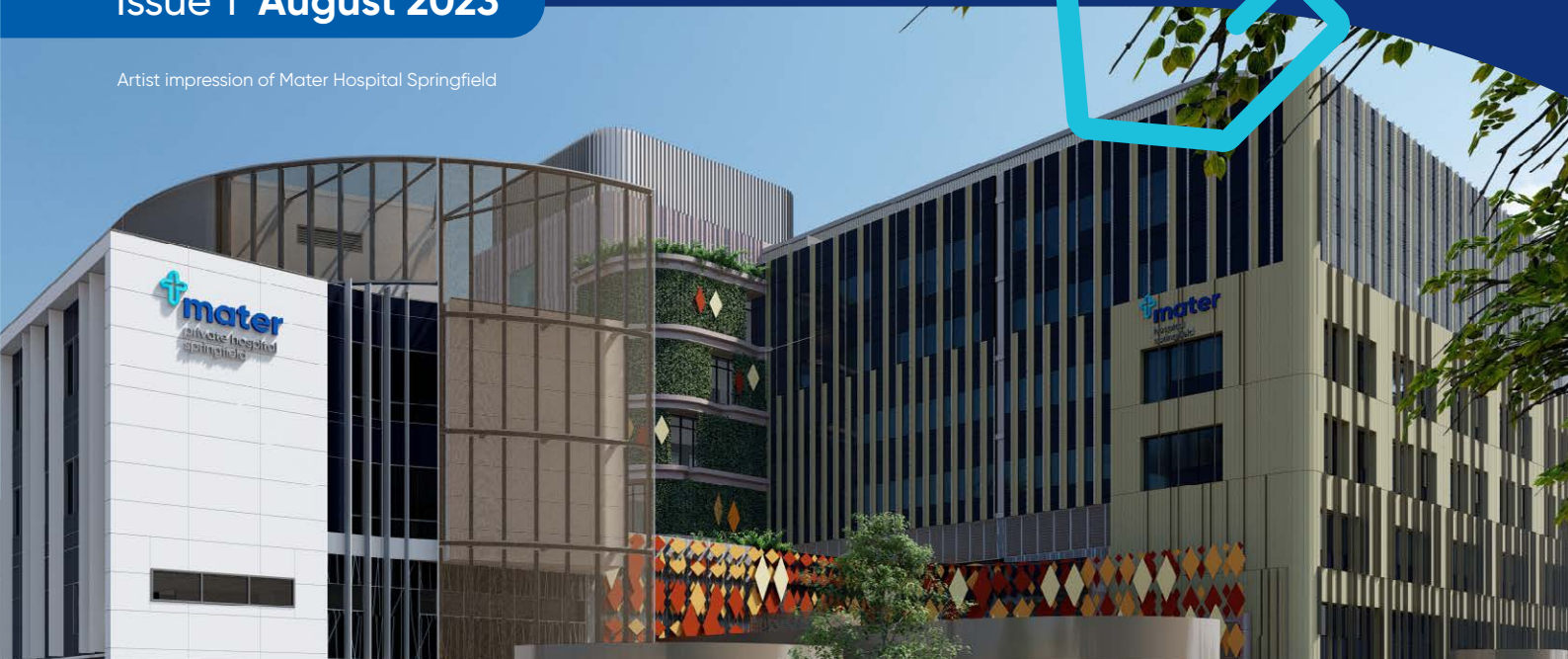


Springfield Scoop

Healthcare for the people of Greater Springfield

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Artist impression of Mater Hospital Springfield



Coming soon A new public hospital

Mater is bringing its world-renowned healthcare services to Greater Springfield with a new public hospital under construction on Mercy Avenue.

For the first time, people living in the rapidly growing Western Corridor of Brisbane 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.

The new public hospital, to open through a phased approach starting in 2026, is the result of a landmark partnership between Mater and the State Government to realise their shared goal of meeting the current and future healthcare needs of the people living in this area.

Located alongside the existing Mater Private Hospital Springfield, the new public hospital will increase the number of hospital beds for public and private patients to 228, and will enable more people living in the region to receive care and treatment in their own community.

Central to the new hospital will be Mater Mothers' Hospital Springfield, bringing Australia's largest private maternity services provider to Greater Springfield families (read more P3).



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

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of **Springfield Scoop**, a quarterly community newsletter designed to keep you updated on the progress of Greater Springfield's first dedicated public hospital.

As a Springfield resident, I am both excited and proud to be playing a part in bringing new, world-class healthcare services to you and your loved ones.

Mater Private Hospital Springfield opened its doors in 2015 and has built a strong record of providing high quality, compassionate care to patients and their families since then.

However, our community continues to grow and expand as more people call Greater Springfield home - Mater is expanding too to ensure people living in this region have access to safe, high-quality healthcare close to home.

Mater has been delivering world-class healthcare services to the people of Queensland for more than a century and, today, it is a network of 11 hospitals across the state. It is also a world-leading medical research institute and the state's only independent, hospital-based training provider.

Our core Mission, however, has never changed - to address unmet healthcare needs in the community.

It's an exciting new chapter for Mater - and for Greater Springfield.

As we embark on building our new hospital, I thank you for your patience, understanding and support throughout the construction phase. Mater is committed to minimising disruption as we enhance healthcare services for our region.

I look forward to continuing to keep you updated on the progress of our new public hospital, and the services it will deliver to you and your loved ones.

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Maternity services

For the first time, Greater Springfield families will have access to maternity services close to home with Mater Mothers' Hospital Springfield to form a central part of the new hospital development.

Each year, more than 12,000 babies are born at Mater Mothers' hospitals across Queensland, and 2,000 babies from across Australia receive specialist care from the nation-leading team of doctors, midwives and nurses at the Neonatal Critical Care Unit in South Brisbane.

Mater Mothers' Hospital Springfield will support families from preconception through pregnancy and birth into early motherhood with personalised care and support every step of the way, ensuring the arrival of your newest family member is as safe, memorable and stress-free as possible.

Mater Mothers' Hospital Springfield will deliver six birthing suites for public and private patients, as well as two pools for water births. In addition, there will be 16 special care neonatal cots for newborns who need extra care in the days and weeks after birth.

A Pregnancy Assessment Centre (PAC) will be the first port of call for women at Mater Mothers' Springfield Hospital, delivering experienced and compassionate guidance and care from the very beginning of pregnancy until six weeks after birth.

In addition to the world-class clinical care, mothers and families will also have access to state-of-the-art equipment, treatments and programs at Mater Mothers' Hospital Springfield.

We look forward to welcoming your family's newest addition.



Meet the Mater Hospital Springfield team

Paul Darcy

Executive Director
Mater Hospitals



Paul has significant executive and operational experience in the private health sector, having worked for Healthscope, Ramsay Health Care and St George Hospital in Sydney. Please contact Paul at springfieldproject2@mater.org.au with your questions about Mater's services in Springfield.

Jason Simpson

Project Director,
Mater Springfield
Stage 2 project



Jason has extensive experience in capital healthcare projects, having held key positions in building, commissioning and opening a 400-bed hospital in Doha, Qatar. Jason leads the Mater Springfield Hospital project team and is excited to be bringing expanded healthcare services to the community.

Christine Went

Chief Operating Officer,
Mater Hospitals



Having started her nursing career at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane as a graduate, Chris has returned home to Mater after holding executive roles at St Andrew's Ipswich Private Hospital and Greenslopes Private Hospital where she led the hospital management team and actively sought new opportunities for improving and expanding services.

Tracey Cooney

Director Operational
Readiness, Mater Springfield
Stage 2 project



Tracey has nearly 20 years of experience in the healthcare sector in nursing and clinical project roles. Her previous positions include clinical redesign initiatives and setting up new services. Tracey is passionate about collaborating with clinicians and patients to ensure they are involved in the establishment of new services and models of care.



Mater Hospital Springfield will meet the current and future health needs of the Greater Springfield region.

Mater's mission

World-class healthcare services for all

Mater is one of the state's largest not-for-profit hospital and healthcare providers and has been delivering compassionate care to Queenslanders for more than a century.

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, the first Mater hospital was built in Brisbane in 1906 and, today, there are 11 Mater hospitals across the state including Mater Private Hospital Springfield, which opened in 2015.

Apart from expanding over the decades, Mater has also innovated and transformed services to ensure it continues to meet its Mission to address unmet healthcare needs in the community.

Today, Mater delivers world-leading healthcare in its hospitals, in people's homes and in the community to support its commitment for every Queenslanders - regardless of where they live - to have access to high quality care.

Our contributions to the communities we serve extend beyond healthcare services, and include economic investment as well as employment growth.

The new public hospital at Springfield is expected to create more than 1,100 permanent jobs and more than 700 job opportunities during construction, providing a major boost to the region's post-COVID-19 economy.

Mater is also training the next generation of healthcare workers in Greater Springfield, with Mater Education's nationally-recognised Diploma of Nursing to be delivered later this year from a new purpose-built facility on Southern Cross Circuit.

Drawing on the collective expertise across Mater Health, Mater Research and Mater Education, Mater Hospital Springfield will deliver integrated, comprehensive healthcare services to the community.

At a glance

-  228 public and private hospital beds
-  Greater Springfield's first **Emergency Department**
-  **Intensive Care Unit** for more complex care to be treated locally
-  More **operating theatres** and endoscopy procedural areas
-  **Pandemic-safe design** for future health emergencies
-  **Maternity and birthing services**
 - A Pregnancy Assessment Centre
 - 6 birth suites
 - 26 maternity beds
 - 16 special care neonatal cots
-  More than **1,100** permanent jobs for Springfield



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 Consumer Advisory Committee, please email communityfeedback@mater.org.au

Make your career move

Springfield's first public hospital opens soon.

Be part of the growing Mater team.

Apply now



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The family-focused Mater Health Hub, Springfield will provide a range of health and wellbeing services for local families.

Mater Health Hub, Springfield

Set to open in August 2023 is Mater Health Hub, Springfield – Mater's first purpose-built education, health and wellbeing centre.

The new facility in Springfield Central will deliver Mater Education's popular Diploma of Nursing, with the first course to launch in October 2023.

The family-focused Mater Health Hub, Springfield will also provide a range of health and wellbeing services outside the four walls of the hospital, including:

- Renal services
- Women's and paediatric services
- Balance classes

- Diet and nutrition programs
- Group therapy sessions
- Corporate wellness services
- Health literacy courses.



Scan the QR code for a comprehensive list of proposed health and wellbeing services at Mater Health Hub, Springfield.

Training Springfield's future healthcare workers

Mater Education is Queensland's only non-government training provider that offers in-hospital, hands-on Diploma of Nursing courses.

The courses will soon be offered in Springfield at Mater's new community-based health and wellbeing centre, Mater Health Hub, Springfield.

Taught by healthcare experts in world-class clinical simulation facilities with practical, hands-on experience in our hospitals, the Diploma of Nursing ensures the next generation of healthcare workers have the skills and experience they need to launch their career.

To register your interest for the first Diploma of Nursing course to be held at Mater Health Hub, Springfield email materstudentservices@mater.org.au

Your nursing future starts now

Study a **Diploma of Nursing** at your new Mater Health Hub, **Springfield**

Fee-free[^] for October

[^]Conditions apply. *Delivery of the Diploma of Nursing at Mater Health Hub, Springfield is subject to ANMAC approval.

