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In the spirit of reconciliation, Mater acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples today.

Learn more about our Reconciliation Action Plan at mater.org.au/rap

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Mater's *evolution*

As Christmas approaches, I've been reflecting on my first year at Mater. Visiting our sites and services across Queensland has shown me that Mater's impact reaches far beyond hospital walls.

This year, we've not only continued to deliver world-class care, but we've also driven life-changing medical discoveries, trained the next generation of health professionals, and—through Mater Foundation—witnessed the incredible generosity of our passionate community supporters.

Everything we've achieved together this year is a testament to the dedication and heart that defines Mater People—and that includes you, our valued GP partners.

This year has also been a time of listening and learning. I've heard firsthand the challenges you face and the opportunities we share to improve patient care.

That's why I'm excited to share that we are about to launch a new Group Strategy—a pivotal moment for Mater. This strategy is a deliberate and disciplined response to the changing healthcare landscape. At its heart it reaffirms our Mission: to continue the work of the Sisters of Mercy by addressing unmet healthcare needs and acting as custodians of the trusted Mater brand.

Our ambition is bold and intentional: to modernise our model, embed digital capability, strengthen connectivity, and invest in our people. This strategy is about equipping our teams—and you—with the tools and partnerships needed to meet evolving community needs.

Aligned with this vision is our new campaign, "Get better with Mater." It reflects our commitment to continually evolve, learn, and push boundaries—because our people, our patients, and our communities all deserve the best.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment. Wherever you are this festive season, I wish you peace, joy, and hope—and an exciting year ahead as we continue this journey together.

Warm regards,



Julia Strickland-Bellamy



Taking care of Queensland since 1906.

For over one hundred years, we've been safeguarding the health of Queenslanders, adapting to meet the changing needs of our community. And we'll be doing it for another hundred years too – with compassion, dedication and a group-wide commitment to being the very best we can be.

Get better with  mater



Siblings Hayley and Connor Campbell have both suffered knee injuries.

Sport-loving kids suffer *surge* in serious knee injuries

Queensland's junior sports clubs are stepping up injury prevention as new data reveals a sharp rise in serious knee injuries among young athletes.

Mater hospitals have recorded a 171 per cent increase in knee reconstructions for patients aged 18 and under over the past decade—from 68 in 2015 to 184 in the year to June 2025.

Orthopaedic sports specialist **Associate Professor Mike Reid**, who operates at both Mater Private Hospital Brisbane and Mater Private Hospital Springfield, says the boom in AFL, soccer and netball participation—particularly among girls—is driving the trend.

"We are seeing injuries such as ACL tears in 'pivoting sports' which require frequent changes in direction," A/Prof Reid said.

"The reasons for girls being more prone to ligament injuries are complex and multifaceted.

"Anatomical differences play a role and hormonal fluctuations contribute by making ligaments more lax and susceptible to injury."

ACL injuries often require surgery and up to 12 months of rehabilitation, with uninsured patients facing long waits.

A/Prof Reid urges parents and coaches to monitor growth phases and fatigue, which increase susceptibility to injury.


"If a child is going through a period of rapid growth, when they may be eating or sleeping more than normal, it's important to back off on their training schedule as this is when they may be more susceptible to injury," he said.

Prevention is key. A/Prof Reid applauds clubs adopting evidence-based warm-up routines, such as **FIFA 11+**, which can reduce injuries by 30% in boys and 60% in girls.

How to refer

A/Prof Mike Reid

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Early date claimers for 2026



From GP to ED: Managing the urgent and unexpected

Date: Wednesday 4 February 2026

Time: 6pm–8pm

Venue: Levanti restaurant,
79 Palmer Street, South Townsville
CPD hours—self record via quick log



GP Maternity Shared Care Alignment: Seminar One

Date: Saturday 21 February 2026

Time: 8am–1pm

Venue: Corbett Room, Level 1,
Whitty Building, Mater South Brisbane
CPD hours—self record via quick log



Central Queensland Urology Conference

Date: Saturday 7 March 2026

Time: 8.30am–3.00pm

Venue: Salt Yeppoon,
32–34 Anzac Parade, Yeppoon
Registered event with RACGP



Regional Ophthalmology Pathways

Date: Tuesday 10 March 2026

Time: 6pm–8pm

Venue: Rockhampton Leagues Club,
Cambridge Street, Rockhampton
CPD hours—self record via quick log

Expanding specialist access for Queensland GPs

Mater's eConsultant program is expanding across Queensland with State Government support helping to improve GP access to specialist advice, elevating patient care and outcomes particularly in rural, remote and regional communities.

eConsultant has been operational since starting as a trial in 2018, offering GPs the opportunity to consult a Mater specialist for advice and confirm treatment plans through a secure messaging platform.

The response rate from Mater specialists averages two business days, once a request for advice has been logged by the GP.

Mater Research Executive Director Professor Allison Pettit said \$6.4 million in Queensland Health funding, allocated in this year's State Budget, will be used to expand the number of specialties available to GPs and determine the program's sustainability at scale.

eConsultant specialties

- Cardiology
- Dermatology (adult and paediatric)
- Endocrinology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Haematology
- Immunology
- Infectious Diseases (coming early December 2025)
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Obstetric Medicine
- Paediatric Dermatology
- Respiratory and Sleep Medicine

Prof Pettit said the program was particularly suitable for GPs managing the care of patients living in rural, remote and regional Queensland where accessing specialists can be time and cost intensive.

"The increasing number of ageing patients with chronic disease has led to excessive wait times for specialist consultations over the past decade, leading to deterioration in patient health and pressure on already-strained public hospital outpatient departments," she said.

Mater Researchers Dr Caroline Nicholson, Professor Claire Jackson and Emeritus Professor David McIntyre led the implementation of the pilot program, with initial results aligning with international evidence that such models reduce patient wait times and minimise the need for face-to-face outpatient specialist visits.

"In 87 per cent of cases, patients avoided a face-to-face specialist visit. This was particularly beneficial for patients in rural, remote and regional areas who bear the associated savings of cost and time for travel," Dr Nicholson said.

Under the eConsultant program, all treatment decisions are made in partnership with the patient and based on the understanding that the clinical scenario is substitutable with a usual care specialist referral.

GPs use the same billing practice as they would for an outpatient referral, and eConsultant is funded on an activity basis.

GPs can access the service through Consultmed, which integrates with Best Practice and MedicalDirector Clinical.

eConsultant Program



eConsultant for GPs:

- Improved access to specialist support, especially in rural, remote and regional areas.
- Reductions in delays for specialist input into patient care.
- Reliable and auditable record of advice given by specialists.
- Improved provider-to-provider communication and continuity of care.
- Opportunity for capacity building and more direct partnership with specialist colleagues.

Cervical cancer is preventable, but screening remains *critical*



Cervical cancer patient Shauna O'Neill with her daughter.

Australia is leading the world in the fight to eliminate cervical cancer, yet around 250 women still die from the disease each year—deaths that are largely preventable.

Mater doctors are urging GPs to continue prioritising cervical screening conversations with patients.

Despite the success of the national screening program and the world-first HPV vaccination rollout in 2007, 85 per cent of women diagnosed with cervical cancer have not been screened in the last 10 years.

"Not only can we now prevent women developing cervical cancer, we can also prevent them dying from it—but only if they are screened in time," says Mater gynaecological oncologist Dr Nim Cabraal.

While the updated HPV vaccine now protects against 90 per cent of cervical cancer-causing subtypes, screening remains essential for all women aged 25–74, regardless of vaccination status. The test is recommended every five years and can be performed by a GP, nurse, or via self-collection.

Mater runs Queensland's largest gynaecological oncology service and is urging women to check when their next screening is due.

Brisbane mother-of-two Shauna O'Neill, diagnosed with stage 2 cervical cancer after her screening was overdue, credits her recovery to early detection and care at Mater Hospital Brisbane.

"It might feel awkward, but it's 10 minutes that can save your life," she says.

Cervical Cancer Awareness



HPV Vaccination

Free for women under 25 who missed it at school



Cervical Screening

Every five years for women aged 25–74



Screening options

Clinician-collected or patient self-test kits

Queensland's *first* cancer survivorship service

Around 33,000 Queenslanders are diagnosed with cancer each year and, as treatment improves, the state's post-cancer population continues to grow.

But beating cancer is sometimes just the beginning. Patients often face a whole new set of physical and psychological challenges as they navigate life after treatment.

Mater Statewide Cancer Survivorship Service is Queensland's first dedicated clinic delivering personalised, evidence-based care for cancer survivors guiding them through the physical, emotional, and lifestyle changes that may follow cancer treatment.

Mater Clinical Nurse Consultant Leilani Way said Queensland has lagged behind other states in post-cancer care, but this service is closing that gap.

"Survivors often face ongoing physical, psychological and practical challenges that can be overwhelming without coordinated support," she said.

Patients who have completed active treatment within the past six weeks to five years may be eligible to access the service, which draws on a multidisciplinary team to provide:

- A personalised care plan and lifestyle advice.
- Access to clinical psychology and emotional wellbeing support.
- Specialist advice and supportive care.
- Allied Health referrals and symptom management.
- Practical support, group programs, and links to community services.
- Opportunities to participate in survivorship-related research or clinical trials.

Common survivorship concerns addressed include fatigue, sleep disturbances, medically induced menopause, fear of cancer recurrence, cognitive changes, and return-to-work stress. The service also supports issues related to intimacy, body image, and returning to work or study.

Brisbane mother-of-two Maria Rossotti, who accessed the clinic after treatment for stage 2 breast cancer, described the service as "a one-stop shop for expert support" and believes it should be the standard of care for all cancer survivors.



Mater Clinical Nurse Consultant Leilani Way with patient Maria Rossotti.

"When treatment ends, that's when the hardest part comes. The side effects of cancer treatment stay with you even though the cancer has gone."

"The survivorship service is great because it's a one-stop shop for expert support of all these issues. You don't have to live with the effects of cancer alone—there is help available."

The Mater Statewide Cancer Survivorship Service, funded by Mater Foundation and Tour de Cure, welcomes participants from across Queensland and northern NSW, and provides support in-person at South Brisbane or via telehealth consultations.



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Mater Statewide Cancer Survivorship Service

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Supporting post-cancer patients facing new challenges



Fatigue



Sleep disturbances



Medically-induced menopause



Fear of recurrence



Cognitive changes



Return-to-work stress



Intimacy and body image issues

Transforming care and growing capacity at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane

The \$70 million Priority Pathways Project is transforming patient care at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane through infrastructure upgrades and expanded services to meet the growing needs of the Queensland community today—and into the future.

Co-designed with clinicians, the project is delivering a suite of new and refurbished facilities across the South Brisbane campus, setting a new benchmark in private healthcare.



The new coronary care unit at Mater Hospital Brisbane.

Mater Private Hospital Brisbane General Manager Tracey Hutley said the investment in new infrastructure and technology is already delivering major benefits for patients, specialists, and staff.



"We're expanding access to treat more cardiac patients, while continuing to deliver world-class care with greater scheduling flexibility, enhanced comfort, and a more streamlined patient experience."

Facilities now open



New coronary care unit

The new and expanded 10-bed Coronary Care Unit (CCU) on Level 7 of Mater Hospital Brisbane uses PIC 4 telemetry for wireless, real-time cardiac monitoring across the hospital campus, and has streamlined access to the interventional suites.*



New cardiovascular unit

The new Cardiovascular Unit (CVU) is co-located with the CCU and equipped with the most advanced Siemens bi-plane and single-plan catheter laboratories. Both units operate alongside the existing public Cardiac Investigations Unit, enabling coordinated care across Mater's South Brisbane campus.



Ward 8 South refurbishment

A newly renovated inpatient ward on Level 8 of Mater Private Hospital Brisbane that is inviting and contemporary.



New intensive care unit

A newly renovated Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with more natural light to promote healing. Staffed by the same dedicated and highly skilled medical, nursing and allied health teams, the ICU is equipped to deliver the highest level of care for critically ill and complex patients, including those experiencing multi-system failure or recovering from major surgery.

Coming in 2026



New operating theatres

The relocation of Mater's Intensive Care Unit will allow the construction of three additional operating theatres on Level 7 of Mater Hospital Brisbane, significantly expanding our surgical capacity.



New endoscopy suites

The relocation of Mater's CVU is enabling the construction of two new endoscopy suites, further expanding our capacity to diagnose and treat conditions of the digestive tract and genitourinary system.



New *premium* suites

Unveiling a new standard in inpatient care, blending clinical excellence with the comfort of a luxury stay.

Mater Private Hospital Brisbane has opened seven new premium inpatient suites, purpose-built to support rest, recovery, and personalised care for patients and their loved ones, made possible through the generosity of Mrs Gina Rinehart AO and the Rinehart Medical Foundation.

Co-designed with Mater clinicians, these contemporary suites offer a spacious, private environment that prioritises dignity and family support.

Each suite is thoughtfully equipped to enhance the patient experience, featuring:

- An exclusive principal suite with private balcony, bedroom, lounge, dining area, kitchen, and a dedicated station for personal nurses and carers.
- Six premium suites with hotel-style amenities, including interconnecting family lounges, recliner chairs, and in-room hair-washing units.
- A dedicated nurse's station for responsive, attentive care.
- A room service menu curated by chef Luke Mangan delivering restaurant-quality meals.
- Tailored care options aligned with individual treatment needs.

Premium Suites are available to private patients seeking enhanced, personalised services during their hospital stay, tailored to meet their individual healthcare needs.



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Expanded outpatient services for intellectual disability and autism health

Additional specialists are now available at the public outpatient service at Mater Hospital Brisbane where people with intellectual disability and autism can access holistic healthcare tailored to their unique needs.

The Queensland Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability and Autism Health (QCEIDAH) has expanded its long-standing weekly clinic and introduced a dedicated Down syndrome clinic.

GPs across Queensland can refer patients 16 years and over with diagnosed or suspected intellectual disability and/or autism, who present with complex clinical needs and one or more of:

- Mental illness (diagnosed or suspected).
- Challenging behaviours unresponsive to standard interventions.
- Physical health conditions complicated by developmental disability.
- Inappropriate use of restrictive practices.
- Other complexities difficult to manage in mainstream health services.

Led by Director and Psychiatrist Dr Cathy Franklin, the multidisciplinary clinical team includes psychiatrists, psychiatry registrars, nurses, a general practitioner, and a rehabilitation medicine physician.



QCEIDAH Psychiatrist and Director Dr Cathy Franklin (R) and Research Lead Dr Katie Brooker.

"People with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience profound health disparities in our country—they die much earlier, often from preventable causes and experience significant barriers to care. This expansion allows us to reach more Queenslanders with intellectual disability and those on the autism spectrum, and improve both their health and quality of life," Dr Franklin said.

Patients outside South East Queensland can access the service via telehealth.

Cognitive and functional assessments and autism assessments are also available through QCEIDAH's private psychology clinic.

Formerly known as MIDAS, QCEIDAH is Queensland's only service integrating clinical care, research and medical workforce education to improve health outcomes for people with intellectual disability and those on the autism spectrum.

? How to refer

QCEIDAH outpatient clinic

-  Referrals via Medical Objects
-  (07) 3163 2412

Help shape better care for patients with intellectual disability

Does your practice support patients with intellectual disability?

Mater invites GP practices to take part in the Bridge to Better Health research program—an initiative designed to upskill practice nurses in delivering high-quality annual health assessments for people with intellectual disability.

This is a valuable opportunity to improve health outcomes for this vulnerable patient group while contributing to meaningful research.

Participating practices will receive:



Dedicated support from a specialist intellectual disability nurse



Access to co-designed online education and practical resources

A remarkable "Mater Little Miracle"

Tenayah Gimbert and her parents Tyrone and Tania.

Tiny Tenayah Gimbert, born at 22 weeks and three days, represents one of the most extraordinary survival stories in neonatal care.

Believed to be Brisbane's most premature baby, Tenayah was born on 2 May and weighed just 409 grams—approximately the size of a jar of Nutella.

Born unexpectedly in the bathroom, while mum Tania was on bed rest at Mater Mothers' Hospital, Tenayah's birth was so quick, she delivered her own daughter.

"I put my hand down and I could feel her head, I was in shock and told my husband to press the emergency buzzer for help," said Mrs Gimbert.

"A team of doctors and nurses were with me in minutes, but Tenayah had already slipped out, and I was holding her in my hands."

A long and difficult resuscitation followed, but against the odds, baby Tenayah survived, as a team from Mater Mothers' Neonatal Critical Care Unit worked tirelessly to keep her alive.

Mater Director of Neonatology Dr Pita Birch called her a "little battler".

"She has overcome so many challenges and complications, but her brain scans look normal, and she has made remarkable progress," said Dr Birch.

"We've had a large multi-disciplinary team involved in her care to get the best possible outcome and we are optimistic for her future."

Every year more than 2,000 very ill and premature babies receive round-the-clock specialist care from the team in Mater Mothers' Neonatal Critical Care Unit (NCCU).

At Mater, every baby born and cared for is affectionately known as a "Mater little miracle".

Little miracles



1 in 5

Queensland babies are born at Mater



2,000+

premature and very ill babies are cared for in the Neonatal Critical Care Unit every year



79+

babies stay in NCCU each night



65 days

Average time spent in NCCU for babies born under 750g



Director of Emergency Dr Philip Gaudin with Mater Townsville General Manager Stephanie Barwick.

Rising demand for Emergency Care in Rockhampton

Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton's Emergency Care Centre is urging Central Queensland residents to stay vigilant about their health, as patient presentations continue to climb.

New data shows a steady increase in demand for emergency care at Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton, with October recording the highest number of presentations this year at 816 patients—up from 714 in September—and the highest number in more than a year.

Clinical Director of the Emergency Care Centre, Dr Muhammad Umer Ihsan, said the upward trend is concerning as the region heads into the holiday season and the weather heats up.

"We're seeing consistent growth in presentations, and historically, the summer months bring additional challenges with heat-related illnesses, injuries, and respiratory infections," Dr Ihsan said.

"Our message to the community is simple: don't delay seeking care if you're unwell. Early intervention can prevent serious complications."

The Emergency Care Centre has already managed more than 8,000 presentations this year, with common reasons including falls, abdominal pain, fevers in children, and sporting injuries.

Respiratory illnesses such as influenza, RSV, COVID-19, and pneumonia remain significant contributors.



Mater Private Emergency Care Centre's Krystal Carpenter, Dr Muhammad Umer Ihsan and Joyce Jaquet.

Townsville ED-expansion underway

Mater Private Hospital Townsville is expanding to include four additional Emergency Department bays to increase capacity and care for patients.

Mater Private Hospital Townsville's Director of Emergency Dr Philip Gaudin said the expansion demonstrated the growth in referrals to the North Queensland ED recently.

"Patients who present to the Emergency Department will have access to Mater's full suite of clinicians and services with minimal wait time," Dr Gaudin said.

"Since the opening of the Townsville Emergency Department in 2017, we've seen an increase in demand from the community.

"Development of a larger department means we can continue to keep waiting times to a minimum."

The project highlights Mater's ongoing partnership with Private Emergency Health Australia (PEHA) which manages Mater's Emergency Departments and Care Centres across Queensland.

This expansion forms part of Mater Private Hospital Townsville's renal, emergency, and maternity expansion project.

The purpose-built renal dialysis unit is now open, with the Emergency Department opening in December and Mater Mothers' Private Townsville opening in February 2026.

Mater Hospital Springfield Bringing clinical trials *closer to home*

Clinical trials patient Jan Mundt with her grandson.



Mater Hospital Springfield will open in early 2026 with a unique commitment: embedding clinical trials into routine care for both public and private patients.

This initiative will give GPs and specialists the opportunity to refer eligible patients for innovative treatments without the need to travel to Brisbane.

Supported by community donations to Mater Foundation, the clinical trial program will be integrated across services at Springfield, ensuring patients in Greater Springfield can access cutting-edge therapies as part of their standard care.

For Ipswich grandmother Jan Mundt, participation in a Mater Research clinical trial at Mater Hospital Brisbane extended her life by nearly seven years beyond her original prognosis.

Diagnosed in 2018 with stage four metastatic lung cancer and given less than a year to live, Ms Mundt was offered the chance to participate in a clinical trial by her specialist and Mater Director of Medical Oncology, Dr Vikram Jain.

"A trial of double immunotherapy had recently become available, and Jan thought it would be a good opportunity," Dr Jain said.

"In 2018, the average survival rate of a lung cancer patient with chemotherapy alone

was 12 months—and Jan is still here more than seven years later.

"The treatment that Jan underwent has since become a standard treatment on the PBS."

Ms Mundt said her initial goal was simple: to see her grandson, then aged two months, start primary school.

"Not only did I walk him into school on his very first day, but I've also seen the arrival of another grandson who is now aged four.

"I think maybe my journey, my reason, is to help others and the future of medicine so that others maybe won't have to go through what I did."

Medicinal cannabis trial reaches remote palliative care patients

Cancer patients in Queensland's most remote communities now have access to clinical trials of emerging therapies, including medicinal cannabis, through an innovative teletrial model led by Mater Palliative and Supportive Care Research.

The MedCan 3 trial, coordinated by Professor Phillip Good, is investigating the use of THC and CBD oil to manage cancer-related symptoms such as pain, nausea, and appetite loss.

The study will evaluate the effectiveness of medicinal cannabis in improving quality of life for patients undergoing cancer treatment.

Jacqueline Poole, a 53-year-old patient from Aramac, 127km from Longreach, became the most remote Queenslanders to participate in an investigational drug trial.

Diagnosed with stage 4 endometrial sarcoma earlier this year, she travelled to Mater Hospital Brisbane for treatment and subsequently enrolled in the trial, describing the experience as "life-changing," noting improved cognition, reduced nausea, and greater comfort.

With support from Mater, the MedCan 3 teletrial enables investigational therapies to be administered locally, expanding access to research and symptom management for rural patients.



How to refer

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Jacqueline Poole with Mater Clinical Trial Coordinator Georgie Huggett.

New neurosurgical specialist expands access to care in Mackay

Neurosurgeon Dr Brendan Davis at Mater Private Hospital Mackay.



Mackay residents now have greater access to advanced spinal and nerve care thanks to visiting neurosurgeon Dr Brendan Davis, who is providing regular clinics and procedures locally.

Dr Davis, who began consulting at Mater Private Hospital Mackay earlier this year, specialises in minimally invasive spinal surgery and nerve decompression procedures for conditions such as lumbar degeneration, carpal tunnel syndrome, and peripheral neuropathies.

"Many patients previously needed to travel to South Brisbane for treatment," he said.

"Now, a significant proportion of cases can be managed right here in Mackay.

"It's rewarding to help build local neurosurgical capacity and provide continuity of care."

For more complex or extended hospital stays, patients may still be referred to Brisbane, but Dr Davis ensures continuity throughout the process—from initial consultation and surgery to post-operative follow-up appointments back in Mackay or via telehealth.

Dr Davis has also observed unique trends in the region.

"Because Mackay's workforce is so physically demanding—particularly in mining—we're seeing degenerative spinal conditions appear earlier in life," he explained.

His advice to workers is clear: maintain strong core fitness, stay active, keep hydrated, and manage body weight to protect spinal health.

Dr Davis hopes to introduce additional neurosurgical procedures locally, including anterior cervical surgeries.

How to refer

Dr Brendan Davis

Referrals via Medical Objects

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Streamlining complex care in Redland

Mater Private Hospital Redland now offers a General Physician-led Perioperative Service, providing GPs with a single, coordinated point of care for patients with multi-system disorders, complex medical needs, and those requiring perioperative support.

This integrated service is designed to improve continuity of care and patient outcomes through early intervention, collaborative management, and streamlined access to inpatient and outpatient support—particularly for patients preparing for surgery or recovering post-operatively.

Experienced general physicians are available for inpatient, outpatient, and on-call support, offering:

- **Direct GP Admissions:** Call 1300 063 376 to admit patients directly for inpatient care.
- **Pre-surgical assessment:** Comprehensive perioperative reviews to assess surgical suitability and optimise patients prior to procedures.
- **Post-operative support:** Coordinated follow-up care to support recovery and reduce complications.
- **Inpatient consultations:** Specialist input for patients with complex medical needs during hospital stays.
- **Emergency Department pathway:** Direct admission access to Redland Public Hospital for urgent cases.
- **Outpatient reviews:** Convenient appointments at Mater Specialist Suites, Cleveland.

How to refer

Referrals via Medical Objects

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Dr Ridzwan Namazie
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Dr Irshad Suffee
General Medicine and
Perioperative Medicine

1300 063 376

Dr Heshani Mediwake
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Townsville



Dr John Kinyanjui at Mater Private Hospital Bundaberg.

Mater specialist boosts spinal care for Wide Bay patients

**Patients in Bundaberg
and the Wide Bay region
will benefit from improved
access to specialist spinal
care, with orthopaedic
surgeon Dr John Kinyanjui
now consulting at Mater
Private Hospital Bundaberg.**

Dr Kinyanjui brings subspecialty expertise in spinal surgery, with his experience spanning the surgical management of degenerative spinal conditions, trauma and tumours.

Dr Kinyanjui said his decision to consult in Bundaberg would meet a clear need in the region.

"There is very limited access to spine specialists in the Bundaberg area, and patients often have to travel to the Sunshine Coast or Brisbane for care," Dr Kinyanjui said.

"By consulting locally, we're helping reduce wait times and travel burdens as well as ensuring patients are closer to their support systems during recovery."

"We also have plans to offer spinal surgeries at Mater Private Hospital Bundaberg in the future, which will improve patient care in the region."

How to refer

Dr John Kinyanjui

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Our Mater Network

Operating the largest for-purpose network of public and private hospital and healthcare services in the state, Mater brings together collective expertise across health, education, and research—supported by Foundation—with a shared vision of empowering people to live better lives through improved health and wellbeing.

Mater Health comprises all our hospitals and healthcare services across Queensland. These services combine to help Mater offer comprehensive healthcare which meets identified community need.

Mater Education is a nationally accredited, hospital-based independent Registered Training Organisation—the only one of its kind in Queensland. It offers a range of courses for students, through to highly experienced practising clinicians.

Mater Research is an internationally recognised leader in medical research, which connects its findings from bench to bedside—translating medical research into clinical practice to deliver better outcomes for our patients and the wider community.

Mater Foundation raises funds by engaging people and businesses to partner with Mater to improve health through a wide range of fundraising and philanthropy.



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