

# Springfield Scoop

Healthcare for the people of Greater Springfield

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## Governor opens Mater Hospital Springfield

**A new era in healthcare for the western corridor began with the official opening of Mater Hospital Springfield by the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM on 20 May 2026.**

The 186-bed public hospital will provide care for around 185,000 patients a year, with key services including an Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit and maternity and paediatric units.

Guests at the opening ceremony included Queensland Premier David Crisafulli, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Tim Nicholls and Archbishop of Brisbane the Most Rev Shane Mackinlay.

Mater Hospital Springfield was built and will be operated through a partnership between Mater and the Queensland Government, which has announced funding of \$638 million over four years to deliver public healthcare services at the hospital.

Mater Board Chair Patrick Brady said the new hospital was a demonstration of Mater's commitment to addressing the unmet healthcare needs of Queensland communities.

"The people of Greater Springfield have been looking forward to this day for years and I'm proud that Mater has delivered on its commitment to them," Mr Brady said.

"Mater thanks the Queensland Government for its far-sighted support of this project."

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Tim Nicholls said, "the Crisafulli Government's investment in Mater Hospital Springfield demonstrates our commitment to deliver health services that will meet the needs of this rapidly growing region for generations to come."

"Mater Hospital Springfield will deliver exceptional public healthcare while saving patients valuable time, expense and inconvenience – and also easing pressure on surrounding hospitals."

Watch highlights from the event here:



## Welcome

**Mater Hospital Springfield is officially open – and our Mater People are here to deliver more essential healthcare to our local community.**

It has been an immense privilege over the past months to not only meet our new local Mater staff, but the very first patients to benefit from expanded services in Greater Springfield.

This quarterly newsletter has served as an opportunity for us to update you – our community – on construction progress. While I am pleased to share that Mater Hospital Springfield is complete, I am sad to say this is our final edition of Springfield Scoop – thank you for reading.

This project has been a gamechanger – not only did it include more than 700 workers during its construction, but our integrated private and public healthcare precinct in Springfield is now set to employ up to 1,000 staff by the end of this year. We are already seeing more than 100 Emergency Department presentations every day and we have welcomed more than 100 babies in Greater Springfield's very first maternity ward.

If you visit our hospital, you may see works still underway. Our attention has now turned to the existing private hospital, with refurbishment of our four initial operating theatres underway and the transformation of the original reception area into a private patient waiting lounge. Outside, the former loading dock is being transformed into a new car park entrance, with works also underway to create a Yarning Circle for use by patients, visitors, and staff.

Mater Hospital Springfield is more than bricks and beds: it is a promise to support generations of local families and provide compassionate, transformative care.

Thank you again for reading – I look forward to seeing you out and about in Greater Springfield.

Stay healthy,

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Mater Assistant In Nursing Jade Grant and Springfield resident Eteva Andrews on the first day of Mater Hospital Springfield's Emergency Department opening.

## Care close to home

**Queensland's newest emergency department is now open and helping to ease demand on frontline health services in the western corridor.**

The emergency department and paediatrics unit at the new Mater Hospital Springfield opened on Monday 25 May, completing the 186-bed facility's six-week phased opening.

The emergency department treated 80 patients on its first day open, including 24 who arrived by ambulance.

Springfield resident and retired nurse Eteva Andrews, 84, arrived just 15 minutes after the department opened.

"The staff here have been so good and they all have big smiles – I love these guys!"

"I signed a petition saying we needed a hospital here in Springfield and I'm so glad that we now have one."

Assistant in Nursing Jade Grant was among the team caring for Ms Andrews.

"There has been a lot of teamwork and pulling together to open this brand new department," she said.

"There's already a lot of camaraderie among the staff and it's been fun – as well as hard work."

**Learn more about our new hospital:**



## Lion Cubs join the pride from birth

**Every baby born at Mater Hospital Springfield is being gifted a Brisbane Lions membership, with the club's gesture expected to welcome around 1,700 new Lion Cubs into the pride each year.**

To foster a Lion love connection from birth, all newborns will receive a free membership and a baby pack with beanie, socks, rattle toy and supporter's scarf.

The newest member of the pride is baby Isabella, who was born

at Mater Mothers' Springfield at the end of May to parents Emma and Kyle.

"Kyle and I welcome Isabella as a young supporter of the Lions," Ms Serra said.

"We are very much looking forward to creating memories as a family when she is old enough to come and watch the games and enjoy the atmosphere as much as we do."



## Meet Springfield's first Mater baby

**Her name means "wishing star" and Hiwa-i-te-Rangi Broughton received star treatment after becoming the first baby to be born at Queensland's newest hospital.**

Beautiful Hiwa-i-te-Rangi was born at Mater Hospital Springfield at 11am on Wednesday 6 May, only three hours after parents Miriama and Remedi Broughton arrived at the facility's maternity unit.

Ms Broughton was 38 weeks' pregnant, but realised her second child was coming a little sooner than expected when she woke on Wednesday.

"The contractions woke me up and I knew straight away that my baby was coming," Ms Broughton said.

"I rang my husband at work and told him to come home because we needed to go!"

The Spring Mountain couple live just minutes from the new hospital in Health Care Drive, Springfield Central, and admitted to one of its six birthing suites soon after arriving.

"Everyone seemed excited to be having the first birth in the hospital," Ms Broughton said.

"The midwives were asking if any of their colleagues needed a break just so they could be there!

"We felt that we were in very safe hands, that's for sure. We were pushing for an hour and a half and then our little girl was here.

"She's just perfect and we are honoured that she is the hospital's first baby."

Hiwa-i-te-Rangi weighed 8lbs 5oz (3.77kg) and has delighted her big sister Te Waimaringi (2).



An estimated 1,700 babies a year will be delivered at the new maternity unit, which comprises six birthing suites, 16 patient rooms and 16 Neonatal Critical Care Unit cots.



Mater Perioperative Nurse Unit Manager Colleen Kelly and Assistant Director Clinical Services Tilana Van Deventer with the da Vinci 5.

## Springfield leads robotic surgery revolution

**Mater's Springfield campus has become the first hospital in Queensland to receive the Intuitive da Vinci 5 surgical assist robot.**

The \$4.2 million da Vinci 5 is the latest robotic surgical system, allowing surgeons to perform complex, minimally invasive keyhole surgery.

The da Vinci 5 was delivered thanks to Mater Foundation, which received generous donations from Springfield City Group, the Nudgee Trust, Cheryl Nicholson and the Wu family for the purchase.

Surgeons and their clinical teams will train extensively with the system before it is used in one of Springfield's 10 operating theatres.

Springfield-based Mater Urologist Dr Stuart Philip, who was instrumental in advocating for the acquisition of the da Vinci 5, says the technology will be put to great use.

"The da Vinci 5 will be able to assist surgeons to perform surgery – including cancer surgeries – across urology, gynaecology and general

procedures in a minimally invasive way," Dr Philip said.

Mater Hospital Springfield General Manager Suzanne Hawksley said the da Vinci 5 will add to the world-class care Mater Private Hospital Springfield has provided to patients in the western corridor for more than a decade.

"Mater is proud and excited to be delivering state-of-the-art medical technology to the western corridor," Ms Hawksley said.

# Clinical trials service commences in Springfield

**Alternative treatment pathways are now a part of the standard treatments offered at Mater Hospital Springfield – and the first of these trials have commenced.**

Mater Research Clinical Trials Senior Manager, Alicia Rooney, said that while the service was based at Mater, trials will be offered to all in Springfield's catchment.

"While some trials may involve inpatients, many trials – especially chronic disease, cancer, women's health and community-based studies – will be delivered in outpatient or day-treatment settings.

"The goal is to improve local access and health equity by reducing the need for Springfield residents to travel to South Brisbane for research-driven care."

While the service is initially an expansion of Mater Research's services in South Brisbane, it is anticipated Springfield will deliver its own independent clinical trials within the next few years.

Learn more:



Members of Mater's clinical trials team A/Prof Lucy Burr, Ashlene Mc Crea and Alicia Rooney.



## Ethel set to make an impact out west

**Dalby grandmother Ethel Hayden has five decades of on-the-job experience but, this May, she graduated with a formal qualification for the first time in her working life.**

Ethel is one of 21 students to graduate from Mater Education's Certificate III in Pathology Collection at Mater Education, Springfield last month.

With strong cultural roots and long-standing ties to her local community, Ms Hayden will use her qualification to run the on-site pathology clinic for Goondir Health Services in Dalby.

"Working out in the Western Downs, I've been able to have an impact in

my current role and hope that this qualification allows me to continue to help," she said.

"I know the community inside and out, I have a way of communicating with them and they would feel secure knowing someone they trust is there."

"No matter where I've worked, it's been all about making a difference – having a holistic view and providing all the care possible to members of the community," she said.

"Everybody's got to make a little bit of a difference. All of us have a part to play and I still have a lot of passion left in me and that's what drives me."