

FAREWELL TO MATER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

On Saturday 1 November 2014, more than 250 people gathered to farewell Mater Children's Hospital, before Mater's government-funded paediatric services transitioned to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital.

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, members of the Sisters of Mercy Brisbane Congregation, and representatives from Queensland Health and Mercy Partners gathered with Mater People and members of the community to reflect on 83 years of exceptional care provided at Mater Children's Hospital.

Since opening in 1931, the hospital has provided specialist paediatric healthcare services to children throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales. It is a second home to many patients and their families and cares for more than 250 000 children each year.

Mater Health Services Chief Executive Officer Dr John O'Donnell said Mater Children's Hospital had been a much-loved part of the Brisbane community.

"We've been a part of the lives of generations of Queensland families and it's sad to farewell Mater Children's Hospital," he said.

The new Lady Cilento Children's Hospital combines Royal Children's Hospital and Mater Children's Hospital in a single children's hospital which will offer the best facilities and services for high-level paediatric care in Queensland.

Mater will continue to offer paediatric services for privately-insured patients through Mater Children's Private Brisbane and will enhance services for young people through Queensland's first dedicated young adult health service.



> Above: Sisters of Mercy Brisbane Congregation Leader Sr Catherine Reuter addresses the crowd at the Mater Children's Hospital farewell event.

Mater Mothers' Hospitals will continue to grow and deliver the highest standards of maternity and neonatal care.

"The Mater Values, instilled by the Sisters of Mercy, have always guided every decision Mater makes as a Catholic healthcare organisation.

"The decision to hand over Mater Children's Hospital, while sad for us, will result in the best care for the children of Queensland.

"Lady Cilento Children's Hospital will offer the best facilities and services for high-level tertiary paediatric care in Queensland, in one location," Dr O'Donnell said.

NEW ONLINE GENERALLY SPEAKING FOR A NEW YEAR

It's been an exciting year for Mater Health Services; full of achievement, medical advancements, operational changes as well as opportunities to expand services. Mater is pleased that it could share these milestones with you and provide the GP community much-needed information to assist in providing exceptional care to the community. Our aim is to further improve on this by transitioning the Generally Speaking newsletter to an online format where specific and relevant stories of interest will be sent directly to your inbox. As a result, this will be your last Generally Speaking in printed form. We encourage you to register to receive the e-newsletter by emailing the following details to marketing@mater.org.au (name, email, practice name and telephone number).

As the festive season approaches, we wish you, your staff and patients a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to sharing more Mater news and important GP information with you in 2015.

Kind Regards,
Mater Marketing





NEW ERA FOR MATER

Following the transition of Mater Children's Hospital to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital on 29 November, the building is being refurbished to provide new and enhanced services to ensure Mater can continue to meet community needs.

The former Mater Children's Hospital building, now called the Salmon Building, in memory of Mother Alban Salmon, will accommodate the following services:

Mater Children's Private Brisbane

Mater continues to offer paediatric services for privately-insured patients through Mater Children's Private Brisbane, a new stand-alone facility providing specialised medical and surgical services for families.

Mater has a long tradition of caring for children and Mater Children's Private Brisbane will continue this into the future, ensuring Mater maintains its capacity to provide exceptional whole-of-life care to the community.

The new service will include:

- Paediatric health services for medical and surgical privately-insured patients requiring non-complex care
- 20 inpatient beds
- 16 day unit beds
- private consult suites

To allow for the building works to safely take place, access to Mater Children's Private Brisbane will change over the coming months. For updates please visit www.materonline.org.au

Mater Centre for Neurosciences

Mater's long-standing commitment to neurosciences started in 1954 when neurosurgeon Dr Geoff Toakley and physician Dr Peter Landy established Queensland's first neurosurgical unit at Mater. Since then, the service has continued to grow and is now one of the largest services in Australia.

In early 2015, Mater will officially open the Mater Centre for Neurosciences. The Centre will provide services for adults, regardless of their health insurance status, seeking specialised care for neurosurgery, spinal surgery and neurology.



The Centre will be the first 'Neurosciences Centre of Excellence' in the state and one of only a few in the country and will include:

- inpatient beds
- welcome lounge
- dedicated theatres
- consulting suites
- dedicated stroke unit
- epilepsy service
- electroencephalograph (EEG) laboratory

Mater Young Adult Health Centre Brisbane

As part of Mater's broader commitment to provide comprehensive care which meets the specific needs of young adults, the Mater Young Adult Health Centre Brisbane will offer a dedicated healthcare environment for patients predominately aged 16-25 and their families.

Featuring innovative service models focused on the primary condition, as well as the associated impacts on adolescent social, emotional, and educational development, the service will help patients and their families through transition from paediatric services into care during the young adult period and subsequent transition to adult services.

The comprehensive service will demonstrate excellence in the management of all young adult patients where there is an identified need and an evidenced clinical benefit. In addition to specialised management of patients with chronic and complex conditions, the centre will deliver programs across a spectrum of specialties.

The new centre, set to open early 2015, will include:

- inpatient ward and dedicated outpatient services
- programs
- Emotional Health Unit, the only private service of its kind in Queensland for the specialised treatment of depressive disorders, anxiety disorders and eating disorders
- Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service.

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- Past and future reflected in new Mater building names
- Mater Private Hospital Redland set for expansion
- 2014 Christmas operating hours
- Celebrating 10 000 babies in 2014

WHICH DOCTOR?

DR MICHAEL BURKE



Dr Michael Burke was educated in Brisbane and completed his medical training, with Honours, in 2003 at The University of Queensland.

Dr Burke undertook his nephrology advanced training in Queensland and South Australia.

He is a lecturer for the School of Medicine, University of Queensland, and provides an ongoing and active contribution to undergraduate medical teaching. He is also involved in preparing physician trainees for the FRACP examination.

He is completing a PhD examining the effects of immunosuppressive drugs on cancer development in kidney transplant recipients. Dr Burke's research has been presented at national and international meetings.

His studies in peritoneal and haemodialysis complications, renal bone disease, and kidney transplantation have been published in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr Burke has clinical expertise in chronic kidney disease and diabetic nephropathy, management of renal anaemia and bone disease hypertension, haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis and kidney transplantation.

Dr Burke consults from his rooms at Mater Medical Centre.

Referrals can be made to Dr Burke at:

Mater Medical Centre, Suite 33, Level 7,
293 Vulture Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101
Telephone: 07 3177 9945 **Facsimile:** 07 3319 6003

DR CHRIS GILLESPIE



Dr Chris Gillespie graduated from the University of Auckland in 2000 and spent his first intern and resident years in Gisborne, New Zealand, as well as working in Scotland and Ireland in emergency medicine and gynaecology roles.

Subsequent general surgical training was undertaken at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, from 2004-2011, including one year at King's College Hospital in London for emergency and intensive care rotations.

Following this Dr Gillespie completed a two-year accredited post-fellowship training programme in colorectal surgery, under the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ).

These years were spent at Auckland City Hospital and the Gold Coast Hospital.

Dr Gillespie is accredited for general and colorectal surgery, colonoscopy and gastroscopy, and is Clinical Lead for the colorectal pelvic floor clinic at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital with skills in anorectal physiology assessment for functional colorectal disorders.

Dr Gillespie conducts private practice at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane.

Referrals can be made to Dr Gillespie at:

Brisbane Colorectal, Suite 1, Level 3, Mater Private Clinic
550 Stanley Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101
Telephone: 07 3844 5150 **Facsimile:** 07 3844 3635
Website: www.brisbanecolorectal.com.au

CHANGES TO PAEDIATRIC REFERRALS FOR LADY CILENTO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

With the transition of all public paediatric services to Lady Cilento Children's Hospital (LCCH) for serious childhood injury and illness, Mater will no longer provide publicly funded services through Mater Children's Hospital.

However, Mater Children's Private Brisbane will continue to offer paediatric services for families who choose to self-finance or who have private health insurance.

Please remove any referral forms for Mater Children's Hospital from your system. To assist GPs with referrals to LCCH, a detailed referral section is published on the Children's Health Queensland website (www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au) with important guidelines for referrals available in the Health Professionals section.

Thank you for your support of Mater Children's Hospital.

Mater Children's Hospital closure fast facts

- Mater Children's Hospital including Emergency Department has closed.
- The Lady Cilento Children's Hospital is the public hospital for children in Brisbane and Queensland's tertiary referral hospital for serious childhood injury and illness.
- Mater Private Emergency Care Centre, a fee-for-service emergency centre, has been treating children for over 20 years and will continue to provide exceptional care for children and their families.
- Mater will continue to provide paediatric care through Mater Children's Private Brisbane. This service will operate at the highest Clinical Services Capability Framework level of any private paediatric service in Queensland.

MATER'S 2014 GP EDUCATION WEEKEND A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 115 general practitioners visited Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa last month to attend the annual Mater Education Weekend 2014.

Gaining a comprehensive knowledge and skills update within the field of acute and chronic illness, delegates heard from leading specialists in the disciplines of neurosciences, oncology, cardiac surgery, emergency medicine, orthopaedics, dermatology, women's and paediatric health.

The two-day program covered theoretical and practical components, featuring case studies, panel discussions and interactive learning opportunities designed to improve patient care outcomes.

The positive feedback from GPs reflected the education weekends strong relevance to general practice and quality of the individual sessions. Feedback included:

'As always a well-organised and well-presented weekend'
– Full weekend delegate

'Overall an excellent education event, broad and relevant to GPs'
– Full weekend delegate

'Fantastic refresher, second time and worth coming back for again'
– Advanced Life Support delegate

'Excellent overview, I hadn't thought about these issues for a long time' – Neurosciences delegate

'Great cases and engaging discussions' – Neurosciences delegate



The social highlight of the weekend was the Halloween themed cocktail party, where delegates and specialist speakers enjoyed the opportunity to network and unwind amongst the beautiful surrounds of the resort lagoon.

Registration will be available for the next Mater GP Education Weekend mid-2015.

PLASTIC SURGEON TO OPEN NEW CLINIC

Plastic surgeon Dr Raymond Goh is opening a new practice, Valley Plastic Surgery, on 5 January next year.



Dr Goh's practice at Redland will continue to operate and he will perform surgery at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane and Mater Private Hospital Redland.

The Valley practice is conveniently located, close to public transport and car parking.

Practice Name: Valley Plastic Surgery

Opening: 5 January 2015

Practice address: 51 Ballow Street, Fortitude Valley

Postal address: PO Box 290, Fortitude Valley, QLD 4006

Telephone: 07 3488 8118

Facsimile: 07 3488 8119

Email: info@valleyplasticsurgery.com.au

DON'T MISS GP EDUCATION 2015

South Brisbane GP Education—Tuesday 17 February

Level 1, Mater Medical Centre Conference Room,
293 Vulture Street, South Brisbane

Hope Island GP Education—Tuesday 10 March

Links Hope Island Golf Course and Country Club,
Hope Island Way, Hope Island

Redland GP Education—Tuesday 24 March

Level 1, Mater Health Centre Redland Conference Room,
16 Weippin Street, Cleveland

Brookwater GP Education—Tuesday 28 April

Brookwater Golf and Country Club, 1 Tournament
Drive, Brookwater

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