Minister announces budget boost for Metro South

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News from Logan and Beaudesert Hospitals

Role call for Digital Hospital Champions

New well-being app introduced for doctors

Nursing and midwifery graduates celebrate

Featured: Logan Hospital A/Director Medical Services Dr Winton Barnes, Health Minister Cameron Dick and Director Corporate Services Hilary Hebblewhite.
WHY BECOME A DIGITAL HOSPITAL?

To improve patient safety by:

- Supporting clinical decisions at the bedside, with clinicians able to access their patients’ complete medical records on the ieMR, from any computer in any location
- Providing electronic medications records which are proven to reduce adverse affects due to medications errors
- Ensuring accurate positive patient identification with printed barcoded wristbands for every patient
- Providing faster access to results from patient tests and scans
- Ensuring faster response times for deteriorating patients
- Resulting in less paperwork for staff and patients

COMING SOON ... A new Digital Hospital website will provide Logan and Beaudesert Hospital staff members with detailed information about the project.

Nominate for Digital Change Champion role

Opportunities are now available for Logan and Beaudesert Hospital staff to gain valuable expertise and experience in the digital hospital ieMR system being rolled out across Metro South HHS.

In supporting the call for nominations for the roles of Digital Change Champions, and Digital Clinical Trainers, Executive Director of Logan Bayside Health Service and Digital Hospital Project Sponsor, Dr Jacinta Powell, said the digital hospital project needed local staff to get involved.

“We know that implementing the digital hospital system at Logan and Beaudesert is going to be challenging and there will be changes to some of our clinical work practices,” Dr Powell said.

“The Change Champions and the Clinical Trainers will become Super Users of the ieMR and then play a key role in training and supporting Logan and Beaudesert staff in learning the new system.

“As we adapt to new ways of working in a digital hospital, we will then start to see the significant benefits which the digital hospital will bring to our patients, our hospital and our community,” Dr Powell said.

“We are confident that staff in both hospitals will recognize the benefits of becoming a digital hospital, and thus take on this challenge with commitment and enthusiasm.

“Importantly, there will be a high level of clinician involvement in preparing our hospitals for the digital hospital systems, devices and new ways of working.

“We are proud that Logan and Beaudesert Hospitals will become the first hospitals in Queensland to transform to digital hospitals in a single stage.

“In particular, Beaudesert Hospital will become Queensland’s first rural digital hospital.

For more details regarding the Change Champion and Clinical Trainer roles you can view the role descriptions and submit your online nomination form at the Digital Hospital QHEPS site. Or email LBHdigitalhospital@health.qld.gov.au to request a role description and nomination form.

I used the ieMR at Townsville Hospital in maternity and the birthing suite and found it very straightforward to use.

New Logan Hospital midwife Bibi Apanisile.
Health and Ambulance Services Minister Cameron Dick said the new budget was $121 million more than the 2016–17 operating budget of $2.194 billion announced last year.

“This budget ensures the money is being spent where it is most needed,” the Minister said. “Local residents will benefit from increased activity funding to meet the growth in emergency department presentations, outpatients and surgery.

“Residents of the City of Logan will also benefit from the planned redevelopment of Logan Hospital.

“There is also money in this year’s budget to continue initiatives aimed at reducing specialist outpatient long waits, improve access to gastrointestinal endoscopy services and fund more nurse graduates and nurse navigators.”

Mr Dick said the Metro South Hospital and Health Service funding was part of a $1.28 billion boost to Queensland’s health budget, with the state-wide budget reaching $16.554 billion in 2017–18.

He said almost $14 billion would go to the State’s 16 hospital and health services and other organisations to provide more staff, programs and services.

“This is an 11 per cent increase on what was provided through the 2016–17 budget and represents 84 per cent of this year’s total Queensland Health operating budget,” Mr Dick said.

Significant investments for 2017-18 include:

• The redevelopment of Logan Hospital, with $112.2 million over four years for planning and preparatory works across Logan, Ipswich and Caboolture Hospitals.
• $23.4 million growth funding to meet projected increases in activity, addressing including emergency department presentations, outpatients and elective surgery;
• $10.3 million state funding to continue to support the reduction of specialist outpatient long waits including a focus on patients waiting for an Ear Nose and Throat appointment;
• $3.6 million to deliver additional gastrointestinal endoscopies to meet the growth in demand associated with the national bowel screening program;
• $2.2 million for continuing recruitment of nurse navigators to improve patient care;
• $1.7 million winter bed funding, to assist with increases in emergency department presentations over the winter period;
• $1.0 million for an additional 11 nursing graduates.
• Completion of the new Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre.

Mr Dick said the Metro South Hospital and Health Service was performing well to meet the region’s growing demand for health service through several facilities including Princess Alexandra, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee, Logan, Redland and Beaudesert hospitals.

“Metro South Hospital and Health Service has a strong focus on clinical excellence and providing better health care solutions through redesign, innovation, efficiency and quality,” he said.
More than 80 nursing and midwifery graduates from across Logan Bayside have celebrated the completion their graduate year.

Nurse Educator Helen Maney said the 84 2016 graduate cohort should be very proud of everything they had achieved over their graduate year.

“Their professional growth and commitment to exceptional patient care is testament to their dedication to their program and the amazing support they received from their clinical units,” she said.

“It has been amazing to watch them transition and I wish them every success for the future.”
What's happening

GP access to The Viewer is coming

From late June 2017, Queensland General Practitioners (GPs) will have secure online access to The Viewer.

This will allow GPs to access patient health care information from Queensland’s public hospitals, such as blood test results, medical imaging results, details of prescribed medications, and information about the patient’s diagnoses.

Patients can opt-out at any time by calling 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).


Great team work in MAPU applauded

Staff in MAPU have been applauded for their team work and patient focussed approach.

A patient visiting from away was admitted to MAPU recently suffering a medical condition and was treated within 48 hours and ready for discharge despite many issues facing staff including restrictions on driving, some medication non-compliance, the cancellation of follow-up appointments and financial problems.

After the MDT meeting, a plan was made for the patient’s discharge after he was medically cleared, transport arranged by the social worker, and a followup appointment arranged by the MAPU registrar.

The Resident completed the patient’s discharge summary, the pharmacist arranged discharge medication, nursing staff did their final check for discharge and MAPU’s administration officer arranged an urgent taxi - and all in two hours.

Well done to all the staff involved for your great communication and commitment to the care of your patients.

Have you seen our Metro South Health values video?

Take a look at how we embrace our values across every part of our day. Feel free to download and use the video to promote our values in presentations, meetings and events.

Click here to view the MSH ‘Our values’ video

Personalised medicine - the future of healthcare

From late June 2017, Queensland GPs will have read-only access to ‘The Viewer’.

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