Dr Harvey Hunt calls time on long career
Redland Hospital’s recent refurbishment of the Special Care Nursery has improved the environment for local families and staff working in the unit.

Nurse Unit Manager, Neonatal Services Katharine Lawlor said the new look had already made a great difference to families with babies requiring care in the unit.

“We have maximised the limited space to enable mothers to come in and see their babies as soon as possible whilst they may still be bed bound,” she said.

“We have more room for recliners so that our babies can have unlimited kangaroo cuddles at any time and new bedside mobile workstations increase mobility for monitoring and care delivery.”

Katharine said some wall decals were on the way to create an environment that was as welcoming and friendly as it could be.

“We have had funds donated with which we are purchasing a children’s activity station for siblings to enjoy as well as some Samsung tablets which will have relevant information uploaded for parents to access at their baby’s cotside”

“We had wonderful support from all of our colleagues in the Birth Suite and Karragarra Ward and appreciate being a part of this awesome team at Redland Hospital.”
PULSE Celebrations

Harvey hangs up stethoscope for quieter life of family and fishing

Much loved and respected Redland Hospital doctor Harvey Hunt is saying goodbye to long and distinguished career serving the local Bayside and north Queensland communities.

Dr Eric Van Der List said Dr Hunt was a highly respected member of the senior medical staff and was retiring after a career of more than 44 years of dedicated and esteemed service in Queensland Health.

Dr Hunt, a University of Queensland graduate, commenced as the Director of the Emergency Department at Rockhampton Hospital in 1980.

He initially trained as a surgeon, gaining his Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons the following year in 1981 before gaining a Fellowship of Australian College of Emergency Medicine in 1983.

Dr Hunt continued as the Director of the ED but also worked as a surgeon at Rockhampton Hospital until 2003 when he transferred to Redland Hospital taking up the ED Director’s role and Director of Clinical Training.

In 2006, Dr Hunt handed over the Director’s role to Dr Chris May but remained as a staff specialist continuing to supervise, mentor, teach and inspire other staff, both medical and nursing.

Dr Hunt also performed roles as the Medical Director, lecturer and instructor of some 50 Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Courses throughout Queensland.

His medical work outside Queensland Health more recently has included a number of deployments working in East Timor and the Solomon Islands for up to three month at a time, serving Australians working there as well as the local population.

Dr Hunt has been the recipient of many well deserved awards over the years including a Premier’s Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management in 2000 and a Redland and Wynnum Hospitals Staff Recognition Award in 2011 for “outstanding contribution” as well as “teaching and supporting others”.

He was granted Staff Specialist – Eminent status by Queensland Health in 2012.
A new era for health care in Wynnum is a major step closer after construction of the Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre, Gundu Pa was completed.

The milestone was passed this week and means the state-of-the-art centre in Wynnum West is on track to open in late 2017.

Facility Manager Heather Tyrrell said she was excited to see the building take its final shape.

“I’m very impressed with the new building and can’t wait for our teams to move in,” she said.

“The building already feels welcoming, comfortable, well equipped and suitable for its purpose.

“I’m confident it will be a wonderful place to work and help us deliver the best possible care to members of the community.”

Ms Tyrrell said work is already under way to get the health centre fully up and running.

“Over the next few weeks the project team and frontline staff members will be busy testing processes and equipment, getting familiar with the new building and training staff,” she said.

“Thank you to all our staff and community members for their ongoing support and input into the journey.”

For more details and updates on progress, visit QHEPS: http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/wynnum/home.htm

Next steps include:

- testing processes and procedures
- fitting and testing equipment
- training staff members
- promoting services to the local community
- hosting opening events and celebrations
The award for Term 1’s “Best and Fairest” is presented to the Principal House Officer or Registrar who is rated most highly by Unit Directors and Staff Specialists across Redland Hospital.

Ratings were based on criteria defining the most desirable behaviours and attributes of medical officers at this stage of their career.

These focus on professionalism, teamwork, patient care, a commitment to continuous learning, self-reflection and some contribution to the wider Redland hospital community is desirable too.

The award includes a unique certificate for inclusion in personal CVs, and the recipients’ names on an Honour Board in Redland Hospital.

Sophie is an asset to the O&G department. She is committed to patient centred care, definitely improving her knowledge and skills to provide this. She is an excellent support to the junior medical officer both with education and a leader by example.

Nominees
- Stephen Guy, PHO Surgery
- Shalena Ragavan, PHO Paediatrics
- Sophie Joseph, PHO Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Jack Gilmore, PHO Orthopaedics
- Anthony Foat, Medicine
- Jonathan Bowers Reg, Mental Health
- Ben Ashton, Anaesthesia
Redland Hospital’s celebration of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day last week recognised the 20th anniversary of the seminal, “Bringing them home” report and the many benefits children experience when they are raised with strong connections to family and culture.

Children and adults gathered at Redland to paint, play with play dough and share food and yarn about all things children. The celebration was organised by MGP midwife Rebecca Clark.
Realise your potential with the new Nursing and Midwifery Exchange Program

Want to enhance your clinical skills and experience a change of scenery?

Invitations are now open to all Queensland Health nurses and midwives for the new Nursing and Midwifery Exchange Program (NMEP)!

The NMEP has been developed in partnership by the Office of the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Clinical Excellence Division, and the South West Hospital and Health Service.

The exchange involves a nurse or midwife in a metropolitan or regional area changing places with a peer located in a rural or remote facility for 12 weeks.

Participants can explore a different clinical area, upskill in an area of interest, or engage in a mentoring role, all while seeing new and different parts of the great state of Queensland.

An exchange pilot is currently underway with two nurses from Logan Hospital exchanging roles with counterparts from St George and Dirranbandi hospitals.

Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Shelley Nowlan said demand for the program was expected to be high.

“NMEP provides incredible professional development opportunities as well as a unique insight and appreciation for what different staff experience in their role.”

Eligibility criteria includes:

- Endorsed Enrolled Nurses with a minimum of one year experience
- Nurses and Midwives NRG 5.2-10 with a minimum of one year experience
- Applicants must be currently employed by Queensland Health in a permanent capacity
- Applicants must be up to date with mandatory training and have both line manager and Director of Nursing/Nursing Director approval.

Funding is available to support participants with travel and accommodation costs.

For more information or to apply, visit http://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/nmoq/professional-capability/education.htm

Applications close 25 August.
Using Streamline in the coming weeks to access your annual Payment Summary?

Why not update your contact details while you’re there?

Metro South Health will contact staff via mobile phone should another event like that following Cyclone Debbie impact on Metro South Health facilities and their staff.

So to stay informed, make sure your mobile phone number is up-to-date and get the news first, as it happens, on your very own device.

Introducing Digital Hospital to Redland and Wynnum

Presenter:
Dr Stephen Ayre
Chief Executive
Metro South Health

STAFF EVENT
Tuesday 15 August 2017
2.30-3.30pm
Conference Room 1 and 2
Redland Hospital

Afternoon tea provided

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Let us know if you are having an event so we can attend and capture the moment or just send through your story.

We would love to hear from you...

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Redland and Wynnum Hospitals’ Staff Recognition Awards BBQ

Tuesday 22 August 2017, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm, in PKs
Formal Presentation from 12:00pm – 12:30pm

Nominations are still open for 22 August 2017 Staff Recognition Awards!

To nominate a staff member or team please click here

Please read the procedure prior to making a nomination.

Nominations Close COB Friday 4 August 2017

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