Hand Therapy: celebrating the art and science

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$121 million budget boost for Metro South hospital and health services

Health funding for the Metro South Hospital and Health Service will increase 5.5 per cent to $2.315 billion next financial year, ensuring high quality care continues to be delivered to residents.

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, outpatient appointments 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 $16 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.

“The priority for this health budget is on frontline services and delivering on the Palaszczuk Government’s vision of making Queenslanders amongst the healthiest people in the world.”

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.
Redland Hospital’s Hand Therapy Service is proving that they are a key part of the journey for patients who have experienced trauma or surgery on their hands or who are coping with a long standing hand condition.

Occupational Therapists Emma Thomsen and Jenny Bozhoff provide a coordinated service for each patient and prevent readmission for those patients who have a high risk for further injury through close links with the Orthopaedic and Physiotherapy teams at Redland, as well as hand therapy teams across the other Metro South facilities.

“We assess and treat these patients in the outpatient setting to restore function and assist them to regain as much of their independence as possible,” they said.

“By integrating falls prevention with hand therapy, we aim to reduce future injuries in this at-risk population which should reduce the impact on the hospital. We have also been involved with the launch of the Virtual Fracture Clinic commencing at Redland Hospital on June 5 which will improve patient access to the outpatient fracture clinic.”

Several Occupational Therapists from Redland are travelling to Perth in July to present at the 27th National Occupational Therapy Australia Conference on their upcoming falls prevention program to elderly patients after a wrist fracture.
The fence is up and seedlings have been planted as work continues on the Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre, Gundu Pa.

Keep your eye and your finger on The Pulse for more updates on the progress. It is anticipated that external works will be complete by the end of July with commissioning, internal fit-out and transition of services from the existing Wynnum Health Service taking place over October and November.

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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
Both my husband and I want to pass on our sincere appreciation and thanks for the care our daughter received while she accessed Redlands emergency and her subsequent stay in Stradbroke ward.

We both work for MSH but this was our first experience on the other side. Having extensive knowledge of accreditation (myself), Redlands staff excelled in every detail.

The admission, the triage, the nurse practitioner assessing L in emergency and later the nurses who cared for her including the administration staff who discharged her were professional and caring.

The clinical handover at every turn was perfect and gave us great comfort. Every step of the way was explained to us and to L.

Hand washing was never missed by a single team member and this gave us much confidence as we knew L’s medication was lowering her immune system.

The effort and attention to detail are evident in every area of Redlands. The treatment that our daughter received from registration straight through to the time of discharge was exemplary.

Emma from the surgical team goes above and beyond, treating L and us with great respect, kept us informed and truly showed me the philosophy of Planetree in action. She kept L at the centre of her care while conversing with another specialist at the PA and her specialist in Sydney.

I will say there is not an ample amount of positive adjectives to describe the feeling that our girl was in safe hands - all of it was truly a model of excellent health care.

L mentioned that her GP commented on a very thorough investigation after reading his handover report. Redlands certainly earns their accreditation by virtue of great staff. Thank-you again, and again.
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Do you have a memory, a funny story or anecdote on the changes seen at Redland over the past 30 years? We would love to profile your story as part of our Redland Hospital 30 year celebrations.

Submit your interest now!

Include a photo of yourself from 30 years ago to enhance the story.

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Thursday 29th June 2017
12:00* - 2:00pm
Conference Rooms 1 & 2

*Lunch will be held at the front of the hospital