

# Mater Centre for Neurosciences

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# scope

When it opens this year, Mater Centre for Neurosciences will offer one of the largest and most diverse neuroscience services in Australia. The world-class neurosciences centre will provide interdisciplinary care from one convenient location. The comprehensive offering will include specialised care for neurosurgery, spinal surgery, neurology and advanced epilepsy.

- MILESTONES**
- Private inpatient ward open 13 April
  - Stroke Unit open 13 April
  - Welcome Lounge open 13 April
  - Advanced epilepsy service open mid 2015

The advanced epilepsy service will be the first dedicated unit in Queensland for epilepsy patients who require diagnostic procedures, monitoring, case conferences and surgery. It will specialise in the management of patients with the most complex cases, who will be referred by general neurologists throughout the state.

The centre will also include a Stroke Unit—a seven bed inpatient high care facility comprising a specialised Stroke Coordinator and rehabilitation

services—which, through links with Stroke Foundation Queensland and the National Stroke Foundation will facilitate the optimal assessment, management and rehabilitation of stroke patients. The establishment of the Stroke Unit has been made possible thanks to the support of founding donors the McEnery family.

The Mater Centre for Neurosciences will be the first 'Neuroscience Centre of Excellence' within Queensland and one of only a few in Australia.

## LOCATION

Mater Centre for Neurosciences will be located in the Salmon Building (former Mater Children's Hospital building).

- Level 8 – inpatient wards and Stroke Unit
- Level 5 – Welcome Lounge and dedicated theatres

## Director appointed to Mater Private Hospital Springfield



Fritha Mackay has been appointed to the new position of Director of Mater Private Hospital Springfield.

Ms Mackay has spent the past 12 months working on several projects at Mater Health Services in South Brisbane and is excited to be bringing Mater Private Hospital Springfield (MPHS) to Greater Springfield when it opens at the end of this year.

"My role has two parts. One is getting stage one of MPHS up and running and establishing a great team to deliver the best health service possible for Greater Springfield. The second aspect of

my job is developing stage two of the hospital, as well as contributing to the broader vision of Health City," Ms Mackay said.

Stage one, an 80-bed, \$85 million hospital will provide a range of medical and surgical services, as well as a combination of inpatient, day and chemotherapy beds to be supported by \$21.4 million Australian Government funding for a cancer care centre.

The facility will also include four operating theatres, inpatient wards, a day surgery unit and medical imaging services provided by Queensland X-Ray.

"When the hospital opens later

this year, the Greater Springfield community will see straight away a positive impact, in particular for cancer patients. Being able to receive the highest quality care in a new facility will make an incredible difference to the lives of patients who travel to Brisbane to receive treatment," Ms Mackay said.

Construction of stage one is progressing to schedule and will be open to patients by the end of 2015.

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## 2015 Mater Doctors' Alumni Dinner

- Date:** Friday 21 August
- Time:** 7 pm
- Venue:** Customs House, 399 Queen Street, Brisbane
- Tickets:** \$90 per person or \$800 per table of ten

The annual Mater Doctors' Alumni Dinner is a great opportunity to reunite with past and present Mater friends and colleagues, whilst enjoying the delights of an award-winning menu complemented by a selection of premium Australian wines.

For booking and enquiries please contact Caroline Kelly on 07 3163 6826 or email caroline.kelly@mater.org.au.





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## NEWS

### Mater Young Adult Health Centre Brisbane



Mater has a clear vision to become recognised as a centre of excellence for adolescent and young adult care and support.

The Mater Young Adult Health Centre Brisbane will realign existing services as well as establish new dedicated specialised environments for patients predominately aged 16 to 25. The new centre will be delivered under the guidance of Director Dr Trisha O'Moore-Sullivan and Manager Greg McGahan.

Young adult outpatient clinics commenced in March for gastroenterology, diabetes, respiratory and urology in addition to a state-wide interdisciplinary craniofacial service. The clinics are located on level 4 of the Salmon Building and are the precursor to a broader range of integrated services that will follow including: **Emotional Health Unit** The Emotional Health Unit will be a highly-specialised service providing mental health assessment, treatment and follow-up. Designed for young adults aged 13 and above who require treatment of depression, anxiety, eating disorders and other mental health conditions, the Emotional Health Unit will be the only service of its kind in Queensland for patients with private health insurance.

**Young Adult Inpatient Services** Mater Young Adult Health Centre Brisbane will have a 21-bed ward devoted to providing care for young adults aged 16 to 25 years. The ward will be located adjacent to the new Mater Children's Private Brisbane and have specialised medical, nursing, allied health and support teams.

#### Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service

The Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service located on Clarence Street, South Brisbane aims to support young adults to achieve positive lifestyle goals around their drug and alcohol use. The service helps young adults reach their goals by supporting them to make positive changes by offering individualised support, brief interventions, relapse prevention planning and alternative drug-free activities.

#### Young Adult Programs

The Mater Young Adult Health Centre Brisbane Programs are designed to provide support for young adults aged 16 to 25 by offering a holistic emotional and educational approach as they transition from paediatric health services, through young adult and subsequently into adult health services.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Dr Trevor Myers

Dr Trevor Myers began his career at Mater at Mater Hospital Brisbane (formerly Mater Adult Hospital) in 1961. It would be the beginning of an association spanning more than 50 years.

During his early career, Dr Myers served as both a resident and registrar before becoming

a consulting physician at Mater Private Hospital Brisbane.

Remembered for his scholarship as a physician and his humble humanity, Dr Myers practised at Mater until 2014.

After a long battle with cancer, Dr Myers passed away on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



## New look Mater Children's Private Brisbane

Mater Children's Private Brisbane allows Mater to continue its commitment to paediatric healthcare through the newly renovated stand-alone private paediatric facility in the Salmon Building.

Mater Children's Private Brisbane is the only private Queensland facility to provide level 5 surgical and level 4 medical paediatric services under the Clinical Services Capability Framework. Mater is pleased to welcome Lynne Elliott as the manager of the new facility.

The new look paediatric service provides specialised short stay surgical and medical care and is supported by a 20-bed inpatient

ward, 16-bed day unit and highly experienced teams of nurses and paediatric doctors. The facility continues a legacy in private paediatric healthcare at Mater that began in 1998 with Mater Children's Private Hospital.

Located in the Salmon Building (formerly Mater Children's Hospital building) the inpatient ward is on level 7 and the Day Unit on level 5. The facility features a range of dedicated spaces for children and their families including a parents lounge conveniently located near the operating theatres and children's playground and parents coffee lounge on the ward.

## New addition for maternity and baby care product range

Mater Nappy Balm is the latest addition to the Mater Mothers' maternity and baby care product range and has been formulated to closely replicate vernix caseosa providing moisture barrier qualities with skin breathability. Mater Nappy Balm is suitable for the sensitive and delicate skin of the nappy area. For more information or to request free samples for your patients, contact Mater Customer Care Team on 1300 162 837 or [products@mater.org.au](mailto:products@mater.org.au).



## DOCTOR WHO



**Dr Frank Thomas**  
Pain medicine

Dr Thomas sees patients with all types of chronic pain. He has particular expertise in the management of back pain, neck pain and headaches. He is able to offer a full range of interventional procedures including diagnostic injections to locate the source of pain and various therapeutic options including advanced nerve and spinal cord stimulation systems.

**Dr Cameron Snell**  
Anatomical pathology



Dr Cameron Snell is a tumour pathologist with Mater Pathology. Dr Snell has a particular interest in individualised cancer diagnosis and care. Dr Snell is actively involved in research and teaching and holds appointments with the University of Queensland and Mater Research.



**Dr David Bade**  
Orthopaedic surgery

Dr Bade's main interests in adult orthopaedics are reconstruction and replacement of the hip and knee and acute trauma. His paediatric orthopaedic interests are hip conditions from infancy to adolescence (DDH, Perthes and slipped femoral epiphyses), sports injuries of the knee and ankle, neuromuscular conditions and all paediatric fractures.

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