

Mater Unveils New Hospital Plans for Greater Springfield



Mater Health Services will today unveil its plans to build Mater Private Hospital Springfield at Health City Springfield Central, with work due to start in August 2013.

The 80-bed, \$85 million hospital will offer a combination of inpatient, day and chemotherapy beds and will be partially funded by the Australian Government who provided \$21.4 million for a cancer care centre.

Mater has a master plan for the hospital precinct of Health City which incorporates a number of expansion stages designed to meet the growing demands of the region. Stage one works are due to start in August this year and be complete by the end of 2015 with further stages planned for future roll out.

Mater Health Services CEO Dr John O'Donnell said he was delighted to make the announcement.

“Mater Private Hospital Springfield will provide a range of medical and surgical services that are relevant to the Springfield community,” Dr O'Donnell said.

“The hospital will be a truly innovative, unique and contemporary model including latest use of digital technologies for providing health care needs to the growing region.

“The framework of services provided by Mater, its partners and other third parties, will be responsive to the community’s health need and will provide accountable, holistic care that promotes wellness, prevention of illness in addition to exceptional acute and sub-acute care and treatment.”

The seven level, 10 000 m² facility will include theatre space, inpatient wards, a day surgery unit and a cancer care centre, initially with a linear accelerator and 15 medical oncology treatment bays, to be further developed in a partnership between Mater and Radiation Oncology Queensland.

Mater will work closely with Springfield Land Corporation (SLC) in relation to the Master Planning and governance of Health City, Springfield Central.

Chairman of Springfield Land Corporation Maha Sinnathamby said he was excited the company’s 5 year relationship with Mater Health Services has now resulted in this hospital project and looks forward to continuing the partnership with Mater Health Services.

“Mater Private Hospital Springfield will provide the landmark building for Health City Springfield Central and mark the start of a 52 hectare master health and wellness precinct that will be unique to the country providing all forms of co-ordinated health facilities and services such as research and development, education and training, allied health, retirement and aged care with appropriate hotel and visitors accommodation.

“Approximately 8.7 hectares of Health City Springfield Central is earmarked for primary health and acute hospital type development with pre-planning approval obtained for up to 1200 hospital beds.”

“Health City Springfield Central is an ideal location for Mater Private Hospital Springfield. It is the fourth fastest growing urban area in Australia, comprising six suburbs across 2860 hectares,” Mr Sinnathamby said. Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale also welcomed the development.