

**Floods no match for team spirit**

As the swollen Brisbane River left a path of destruction across the city, hardworking staff of the Royal Children's Hospital pulled together to enable the hospital to remain operational throughout the flooding and meet the emergency health needs of children from the capital and around Queensland.



**New QCH project leader appointed**

Fiona Brewin-Brown steps out of her role as Children's Health Services' Nursing Clinical Leader to take over from Jane Yacopetti as Executive Director of the QCH project.



**Work ramps up on the QCH site**

As construction of the QCH reaches street level, scheduled closures of the Stanley Street footpath next to the site begin to ensure the safety of passing pedestrians.



**Bronco helps tackle children's ear disease**

Queensland Health with Broncos star Sam Thaiday launch educational DVDs as part of the Deadly Ears Indigenous ear health program. The 'My trip to hospital' DVDs were developed to support children in remote communities who require surgery to improve their hearing.



**QCH site signage revealed**

New signage showcasing artist's impressions of the QCH are installed on hoardings around the site and on the gantry.



**Staff service recognised**

Length of service milestones for CHS staff are recognised at an appreciation ceremony at RCH and morning teas at community centres.



**National Children's Week**

The RCH hosts a range of fun activities and events to celebrate National Children's Week (October 22-30).



**QCH - a model hospital**

Patients of the Royal Children's and Mater Children's hospitals help with the finishing touches on two LEGO models of the QCH, which will be on public display at both hospitals until 2014.



**Ditto launched**

Health Minister Geoff Wilson launches the Ditto, a hand-held diversionary therapy device. Ditto reduces anxiety-related pain, by engaging a child in games, stories and movies. The Ditto is the result of a research partnership between the RCH and QUT.

**Hardwiring excellence workshops**

The Hardwiring Leadership Excellence program is launched to senior leaders within Children's Health Services.

JANUARY

**Australia Day recognition for QCH project team**

The QCH project team receives a Queensland Health Australia Day Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding work on a once in a lifetime opportunity to improve healthcare for children from across the state.

FEBRUARY

**RCH staff assists in mass evacuation**

Staff of the Royal Children's Hospital rose to the challenges of a second natural disaster in less than a month when Cyclone Yasi forced the evacuation of Cairns Base Hospital and Cairns Private Hospital. RCH staff were among volunteers who travelled to Cairns to assist with patient transfers and care for children and babies evacuated to Brisbane. Shortly after Queensland's devastating floods, representatives from Children's Health Services' psychosocial services assist at Brisbane International Airport to debrief returning Australians following the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand.

MARCH



**Work begins on QCH Energy Plant**

Preparation work begins on the site of the QCH Energy Plant in front of the Mater's Hancock Street car park. The QCH Energy Plant will supply heating, cooling and power to the future QCH and its adjacent Academic and Research Facility.

APRIL



**Starting gun fired for the first stage of the Greater Brisbane paediatric plan**

Demolition works begin at The Prince Charles Hospital in Chermiside to make way for new children's health services at a cost of \$45.6million, opening in 2012.

MAY

**QCH project rises from the ground**

Level one slab floor of the QCH is completed marking a major milestone for the project. From here it's onwards and upwards in to the Brisbane skyline.

Queensland Health accepts the final construction price of the QCH from the project's managing contractor Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd. It ensures the overall project budget of \$1.4 billion remains on target.

Schematic design of the QCH Academic and Research Facility is approved. This stage of design documents the layout and size of each room, laboratory and floor.

JUNE

**QCH begins to take shape**

Raking columns are installed along the Stanley Street side of the QCH site. These columns will support levels two and three of the new hospital structure.

**CHS secures ACHS accreditation**

Children's Health Services and the Royal Children's Hospital were assessed by representatives from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards as part of the periodic review. The on-site survey is conducted every two years and is a mandatory requirement for accreditation. The successful review secures CHS accreditation until September 2013.

JULY

**Community, Child, Youth and Family Health Service (CCYFHS) created**

As of July 1, the Community Child Health Services and community child health services from Metro North and Metro South health service districts join to become the Community, Child, Youth and Family Health Service. Ms Carmel Perrett is announced as District Executive Director for the service.

**Work begins on new Leukaemia Foundation Queensland Village**

The first sod is turned on the Leukaemia Foundation Queensland's new accommodation at Boggo Road Urban Village. Once the LFQ has moved to Boggo Road in early 2012, its current South Brisbane premises will be demolished to clear the way for construction of the QCH Academic and Research Facility

AUGUST



**University partnerships announced**

Health Minister Geoff Wilson announces QUT and UQ as inaugural partners of the QCH Academic and Research Facility, which is scheduled to open alongside the QCH in late 2014.

SEPTEMBER

**Greater-Brisbane metropolitan hospitals' milestones**

A roof topping ceremony at The Prince Charles Hospital in Chermiside marks the completion of the main structural element of the new children's health services. Health Minister Geoff Wilson turns the first sod for the new children's health services at Redland Hospital, which will include a separate waiting area for children and their families in emergency, three extra beds in the children's ward, and expanded children's outpatient services. Preliminary works begin on new and enhanced services at Redcliffe Hospital, which include six new short-stay beds in the children's ward and four additional children's outpatient rooms in a dedicated area.

OCTOBER



**Name the cranes competition launched**

A statewide 'Name the cranes' colouring competition for children is launched to find names for the six cranes towering over the QCH building site.

NOVEMBER

**Design of QCH finalised**

With the completion of design, floor plans are distributed to departmental heads at the RCH and MCH. Preliminary planning for the move to the QCH commences.

**Launch of family-centred care resources**

Two key staff resources are launched across CHS: a DVD about family-centred care and a family-centred care desk pyramid to be displayed in staff tea rooms, reception areas and workspaces.

DECEMBER



**QCH cranes are named**

The six winners of the 'Name the cranes' colouring competition are announced and their names revealed at an event attended by the Health Minister.



*Children's Health Services  
wishes all of our patients, families, staff  
and stakeholders a happy and safe  
festive season and wonderful start to 2012*