



Artist's impression of the Queensland Children's Hospital.

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Queensland Children's Hospital

Progress update Summer 2011-12

Dear friends and neighbours

At this time of year, it's traditional to take a few moments to update friends and colleagues on the big events in our lives during the past 12 months. So, on behalf of the entire Queensland Children's Hospital project team, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know our progress to date and thank you for your support, cooperation and encouragement throughout 2011.

The Queensland Children's Hospital will be the major specialist children's hospital for the state. As the cornerstone of a statewide network of children's health services, it will bring together the dedicated staff of the Royal Children's and Mater Children's hospitals under one roof.

Construction of the Queensland Children's Hospital is one of the largest and most complex infrastructure projects under way in Australia today. Yet it is only one element in a program of works that will deliver a new era in healthcare for our children and their families.

Since the Premier turned the first sod on the Queensland Children's Hospital site in March 2010, construction has progressed rapidly. The four-level basement car park is complete. Above ground, the sixth level will be finished early next year, right **on schedule**.

As building progresses, our commitment to minimising the impact of construction within our community will continue. The support we have received throughout construction has been appreciated. I thank you in advance for your patience and assure you that we will continue to work closely with our neighbours and partners in the months to come.



Following is a brief glimpse of what we have achieved this year and what to expect in 2012.

Finally, on behalf of the Queensland Children's Hospital project team, I would like to offer our sincere best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season.

Dr Peter Steer
CEO Children's Health Services



Minister for Health Geoff Wilson with the winners of the *Name the cranes* competition (left to right): Liam Oppermann, Tiana French, Kristina Bulj, Mikayla Davidson, Evie Massingham and Lachlan Sey. See back page for full details.

We're building the Queensland Children's Hospital to deliver the best care for our kids

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Building our children's healthcare for the future

The \$1.4 billion Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) program of works is the largest single capital investment in children's health services in Queensland's history. Opening in 2014, it will put Queensland at the forefront of paediatric care worldwide.

The Queensland Children's Hospital program of works consists of:

- Queensland Children's Hospital (main building)
- Queensland Children's Hospital Academic and Research Facility
- Children's Health Foundation Queensland building
- relocation of the Leukaemia Foundation Queensland accommodation
- improving road access to the hospital
- providing land for family accommodation
- Queensland Children's Hospital Energy Plant
- Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service building.

QCH vital statistics

- 359 public beds – 25 per cent more than currently provided by the Royal Children's and Mater Children's Hospitals combined
- Majority of overnight beds will be single rooms with ensuite and carer's bed
- Existing services provided by the Royal Children's and Mater Children's hospitals will be accessible from the QCH - plus there will be a range of new and expanded services for patients
- Future-proofed with room for expansion
- Adjacent Academic and Research Facility dedicated to child and adolescent health
- Improved patient access with public transport (bus, train, ferry) and the South Bank Parklands close by
- Four-level basement car park
- Helipad for emergency access.

Queensland Children's Hospital

Construction reached street level in May. Today, the lift cores are complete to level nine, with the level six slab floor scheduled for completion early in 2012. Some internal fit-out has begun in the basement and lower levels of the building. Work on the hospital loading dock is progressing on the site of the former car park of the Radiation Oncology Mater Centre.

Looking ahead to 2012

- Structure complete including rooftop plant rooms and helipad.
- Work on facade will begin.
- Fit-out to continue.

Leukaemia Foundation Queensland accommodation

Construction of the Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland's (LFQ) new patient accommodation at Boggo Road Urban Village, Dutton Park, started in July. The new village will have 30 units (five three-bedroom and 25 two-bedroom units), which is nine more than the existing village on the corner of Graham Street and Raymond Terrace.

Looking ahead to 2012

- New LFQ building at Dutton Park complete by May 2012.
- Old South Brisbane LFQ accommodation building demolished.

QCH Academic and Research Facility

Design of the QCH Academic and Research Facility is in its final stages. When complete, it will accommodate more than 400 child health researchers from the QCH, Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland and the Translational Research Institute.

Looking ahead to 2012

- Construction will begin mid-2012.

More services sooner



Artist's impression of the Queensland Children's Hospital Academic and Research Facility.



Children's Health Foundation Queensland building

Plans to refurbish the heritage-listed bank building on the corner of Vulture and Stanley streets have been finalised, and will include a small extension at the rear of the building to provide disabled access.

Looking ahead to 2012

➤ A 12-month refurbishment program will begin mid year.

Improving road access to the hospital

Planning is under way to prepare for reconfiguration of the intersection of Dock, Vulture, Stanley and Graham streets. This will require vacation of the South Brisbane Telephone Exchange.

Looking ahead to 2012

➤ Telstra will upgrade the copper wire network to fibre-optic cable for all homes and businesses currently serviced by the exchange by the end of 2012.

Providing land for family accommodation

Planning is under way to make family accommodation available between Stanley and Vulture streets. It will support patients and their families from outside South East Queensland during their hospital stay.

Looking ahead to 2012

➤ Designing, planning and site preparation.



QCH Energy Plant

Concrete pouring of the basement, water pits and tanks has started. The energy plant will provide most of the heating, cooling and power to the Queensland Children's Hospital. The energy plant project includes a walkway and lift to enable wheelchair and pram access from the Hancock Street car park to the hospital.

Looking ahead to 2012

➤ Structure completed.
➤ Installation of major plant.



Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service

A new purpose-built facility to house the Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service (ADAWS) has opened in Clarence Street at South Brisbane. ADAWS supports adolescents aged 13 to 18 combat drug and alcohol addictions and will form part of the community-based services delivered by the Queensland Children's Hospital.



Construction corner

Abigroup is managing the design and construction of QCH and supporting the energy plant. Both are creating local employment opportunities with approximately 375 sub-contractors on site daily. Employment opportunities will increase next year, peaking with approximately 1200 workers on site by the end of 2012.

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Community update

Youngsters name their cranes

The six cranes helping to build the new Queensland Children's Hospital have been given a lift by youngsters from around the state. They now have their very own name chosen by the six young winners of the Queensland Children's Hospital 'Name the Cranes' colouring competition.

In October 2011, children aged three to 14 years were invited to colour-in a crane, give it a name and say why they chose that name.

Minister for Health Geoff Wilson unveiled the names—Go-Go, Max, Clefty, Sophie, Cranium and Betty the Beast—during a celebration for the winners at the hospital construction site on December 6.



"I would like to congratulate our winners who were chosen from an impressive field of 301 very colourful and creative entries," Mr Wilson said.

"I also want to thank all of the children who got involved in the construction of our new hospital by entering the competition."

Each winner received a prize pack including a certificate, Queensland Children's Hospital construction hat and a \$100 movie voucher, donated by Abigroup Contractors. The cranes now also bear banners displaying their new names.

Queensland Children's Hospital LEGO models

Patients of the Mater Children's Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital used their LEGO skills to help put the final touches on two models of the new Queensland Children's Hospital in November.

Each of the models is made out of approximately 170,000 bricks and took LEGO certified builder Ryan McNaught about a month to build.

The models are 2m long, 1.5m high, weigh 200kg and come complete with staff, patients, vehicles and a helicopter.

The models are on permanent public display in the foyers of the Mater Children's Hospital and the Royal Children's Hospital during opening hours.



Above: One of the LEGO models of the Queensland Children's Hospital.



The Queensland Children's Hospital team wishes you a happy and safe festive season and New Year.

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