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New CT Scanner operational at Goondiwindi Hospital

PATIENTS at Goondiwindi Hospital now have access to a new and expanded medical imaging service. The new CT Scanner has been installed and became fully operational from today.

The new service is provided by private operator, Alpenglow Australia Pty Ltd, which has a well-established reputation in providing comprehensive diagnostic imaging services across regional, rural and remote areas in New South Wales and Queensland.

The company underwent a merit-based tender process, conducted by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service, to secure the contract.

The service offers diagnostic radiology including x-rays, ultrasounds and CT (computer tomography) scans, using a new multi-slice, low-dose CT scanner.

“The availability of CT services, in particular, will revolutionise the way many patients are managed, leading to more rapid diagnoses and management,” Alpenglow radiologist and clinical director Dr John Rouse said.

“The fact that patients will no longer need to travel long distances for these services will have a dramatic impact on both a clinical and social level.

“We are very excited to offer this state-of-the-art service to the doctors and people of Goondiwindi.”

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Director of Medical Imaging Aiden Cook said it was the first time patients could access CT scans at Goondiwindi Hospital.

“CT scans are a more sophisticated type of x-ray that are produced using a specific piece of medical equipment,” Mr Cook said.

“The CT scanner takes multiple, cross-section x-rays of the patient to provide a detailed series of images for radiologists and doctors to interpret.”

Goondiwindi Hospital’s Director of Nursing Lorraine McMurtrie said the new service was great news for local residents.
“This new, expanded service will mean outpatients will be able to access high-quality medical imaging locally and reduce the need for patients to be transferred to Toowoomba or Brisbane for emergency x-ray or CT scans,” Ms McMurtrie said.

Alpenglow Australia Pty Ltd is also in the process of commissioning a new service at Warwick Hospital.

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