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Toowoomba Hospital Medical Imaging provides new levels of comfort

The reception area of Toowoomba Hospital's Medical Imaging Department has received an eagerly-anticipated refurbishment.

Aiden Cook, Director of Medical Imaging at Toowoomba Hospital, said the new-look reception area provided increased comfort and convenience for patients coming to the hospital for x-rays and scans.

"The reception area has not had an upgrade since the Emma Webb building was opened in 1998 so it was definitely time for an overhaul," Mr Cook said.

"We saw more than 60,000 patients last year and of those around one-third came through the front door, with the remainder being inpatients.

"This equates to well over 20,000 people through the reception area so it's a very busy part of the hospital.

"The new space features automatic doors at the entrance which makes things a lot easier for people using mobility aids or those with prams.

"Inside there is a lot more room to move, plus improved access to toilets for disabled patients and patients with young children."

Mr Cook said the upgrade also featured a purpose-built reception counter and staff support areas.

"We opened the reception area to the public at 8.00am this morning and it's been very pleasing to see the positive reaction from both staff and patients," he said.

"This will make the whole process of coming in for an x-ray or scan far more comfortable.

"We would like to say thank you to our patients for their understanding while construction was underway over the past three weeks."

The \$250,000 upgrade was completed as the final stage of the \$3 million Emergency Department upgrade project funded as part of the National Health and Hospital Network reforms to improve emergency access.

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