Mackay Hospital Profile

RMO Campaign 2021

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Hospital facilities

The MHHS is responsible for the delivery of public hospital and health services including medical, surgical, emergency, obstetrics, paediatrics, specialist outpatient clinics, mental health, critical care and clinical support services to a population of around 182,000 people residing in a geographical area from Bowen in the north to St Lawrence in the south and from the coast inland to Clermont in the west, and Collinsville in the north-west. The Whitsunday Islands in the east are also included in this region and include Lindeman, Hamilton and Brampton Islands.

To reflect the growing demand for health care in the region, the Mackay Base Hospital has been redeveloped, at a cost of $408 million with a current bed capacity of 236 beds. The Proserpine Hospital has 33 beds and Bowen Hospital has 27 beds.
The redeveloped hospital is a digital hospital, equipped with leading edge technology to assist staff to provide the highest level of care and comfort to our patients. It is the first regional hospital in Queensland to have the complete integrated electronic medical record. The hospital provides specialist services in obstetrics, gynaecology, paediatrics, orthopaedics, psychiatry, urology and oncology and many other specialty areas. New services implemented in 2017 included ENT and a Step-Up Step Down mental health service.

**Specialist Outpatient Clinics:**

Cardiology; Cardiac Surgery; Dermatology; Diabetes; Ear, Nose and Throat; Endocrinology; Gastroenterology; General Medicine; General Surgery; Geriatrics; Gynaecology; Nephrology; Neurology; Neurosurgery; Surgical Other; Non-Surgical Other; Obstetrics; Oncology; Ophthalmology; Orthopaedic; Pain Management; Palliative Care; Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; Respiratory; Rheumatology; Urology; Vascular Surgery.

**Facility information:**

- Café and a gift shop located on site
- Library with electronic links and helpful staff
- Meeting, training, computer and recreation rooms on Surgery, Orthopaedics and Medical.
- Locker and shower facilities on site in each department
- Relaxing staff retreat
- Free car parking
- Bus stop and taxi pick up directly outside of hospital
- Diverse range of patient conditions and management – marine stings, tropical medicine, toxicology
- Hands on clinical experience
- Medical Education Unit
- Social club

**Clinical service profile**

MHHS provides an integrated approach to service delivery across acute, primary health and other community based services including aged care assessment, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) programs. Primary Health services within the Mackay HHS cover a range of program areas including Integrated Mental Health; Integrated Oral Health; Home and Community Care; Mobile Women’s Health; Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs; Sexual Health; Aged Care Assessment Team; and Breast Screen.
RMO education and training opportunities

- Medical Education Unit and Director of Clinical Training are supported by a Medical Education Registrar. Medical Education Unit provides comprehensive assistance to Medical Officers sitting the AMC Clinical Examination:
  - Clinical and non-clinical education opportunities
  - Journal clubs
  - Grand Rounds
  - Unit tutorials
  - Advanced Life Skills
  - Simulation training in dedicated simulation centre
  - Library and Internet access
- Personal and professional support from the Medical Education Unit and MHHS Medical Workforce Unit for all junior doctors
- Informal support from registrars and consultants committed to providing quality supervision
- Access to and support from Executive Director, Clinical Services
- An active Medical Staff Association, with many RMO members
- Tremendous social support opportunities
- Simulation training in dedicated simulation centre

Employment conditions

- Relocation reimbursement and accommodation assistance available
- Annual leave accrual - up to 5 weeks in most departments, with up to 6 weeks in others
- As per Medical Officers (Qld Health) Award – State 2015 and Medical Officers Certified Agreement (MOCA5).

Facility-specific recruitment requirements

- CV – no older than 12 months, must include most recent position held. Gaps of 3 months or more must be explained. An email of explanation can be attached.
- References – 1 within 12 months, the other of last place of employment
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs): evidence of vaccination against the following:
  - Hep B - evidence of immunity, titre level >10.
  - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
  - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
  - Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
Available positions

These numbers are subject to change, and applicants should always discuss employment opportunities with your preferred hospitals before submitting your application.

Senior Medical staff

- Executive Director, Clinical Governance and Chief Medical Officer
- Executive Director, Research and Innovation and Clinical Dean
- 11 Clinical Directors
- 93 Staff Specialists / Senior Medical Officers
- 8 MSRPP/MORPPS

Registrars / Principal House officers

111 positions

- Anaesthetics
- Cardiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Intensive Care
- Medicine
- Medical Education
- Mental Health
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatrics
- Surgery
- Rural Relief Program
Junior and Senior House Officers

81 positions (including 9 positions via the Commonwealth Junior Doctor Training Program)

Available rotations:
- Anaesthetics
- Cardiology
- Critical Care Year
- Emergency Medicine
- General Surgery
- Intensive Care
- Mental Health
- Medicine (Coronary Care)
- Medicine (Oncology)
- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Orthopaedics
- Private practice
- Radiology
- Rural placement opportunities – Proserpine Hospital, Proserpine Emergency, Bowen and Sarina

Training Programs:
  - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
  - Paediatrics
  - Anaesthetics
  - Surgical
  - Rural Generalist Pathways

Community and lifestyle

- Reasonable rental accommodation in close proximity
- 24-hour supermarket in close proximity to the hospital
- Mackay supports most sports and special interest groups
- Work and live in the tropical setting close to beaches, Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsunday Islands. Mackay is surrounded by pristine beaches and has an extensive marina development – moorings, restaurants park, BBQ areas and beaches
- Mackay supports the cattle, coal, cane and tourism industries
- Several satellite beach communities
- Three main shopping precincts
- Gateway to the Whitsunday Islands – springboard for a luxury island weekend, only a 90-minute drive!
- Award winning 21km Bluewater Trail - pedestrian and cyclist friendly
- Mild winter season, beautiful clear summers
- Well-developed airport with frequent flights by major flight companies with frequent discounted fares - only 65 mins to Brisbane!
• Alfresco dining restaurants – Multicultural delights
• Local and regional weekly markets
• Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre – world-class music, theatre and comedy shows
• Mackay GoWake Cable Park – wakeboarding and water skiing
• Award winning Artspace Gallery – diverse art and culture from the region
• Full range of leisure and sporting activities - clubs, gyms, snorkelling, diving, camping, fishing, boating, golfing and skiing
• Pioneer Valley and Eungella National Park - see live platypus and enjoy gorgeous rainforest walks
• Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens, several parklands along the Bluewater Trail – extensive leisurely scenic walks, bicycle riding trails and bird watching
• Blue Water Lagoon – three tiered lagoons and a water playground
• Memorial and Pioneer swimming pools
• Family-friendly community

Need more information?