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Past and present Gympie Hospital staff celebrate 150 years of service

Gympie Hospital will mark a major milestone by inviting past and present staff to celebrate its 150th Anniversary with a special morning tea.

Gympie Hospital has a long and proud history of serving the community. The hospital first opened as Nashville Miners Hospital in 1868, and in true community spirit, it was founded by subscription collected from the community.

The facility began life as two tents before being moved into a building at the present site of the Masonic Hall on Channon Street. It was moved to the current site in 1869 and a two-storey brick hospital was built in 1888, with the first formally trained nurse graduating in 1923. Its modern-day premises were completed in October 1986.

Gympie Hospital was one of the largest training hospitals in Australia, with the first Queensland male nurse being trained at Gympie.

Today, Gympie Hospital continues to provide healthcare excellence to the community and remains one of the largest employers in the region.

Director of Nursing and Facility Manager Nicole White is working with the Gympie Hospital 150th Events Committee to plan, and manage the celebrations.

“In 2016-17 our team provided care for 14,000 inpatients, 354 births, and more than 30,000 emergency department presentations,” Nicole said.

“We are very excited and privileged to not provide ongoing patient care for the region, but to celebrate and reminisce with our past and present staff.”

The Country Women’s Association will serve a delectable morning tea as part of celebrations, treating guest to their famous scones.

“As one of the largest employers in the region Gympie Hospital is an important part of our community, being able to celebrate this milestone and reminisce with everyone who has helped us become who we are today is so important,” Nicole said.

The morning tea will be complemented by a memorial unveiling in July and a Gala Ball in October as part of 150th anniversary celebrations.
Media are invited to attend the morning tea for interview and photo opportunities.

**What:** Gympie Hospital 150th Anniversary morning tea  
**When:** Friday 23 March 2018, 10am to 12pm  
**Where:** Peaceful Garden, Gympie Hospital, 12 Henry St, Gympie.

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