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Caloundra Health Service putting the ‘care’ back into Palliative Care

To celebrate and acknowledge National Palliative Care Week (20 – 26 May), the Caloundra Health Service is highlighting its commitment to providing high levels of comfort and care to palliative care patients.

A $17m redevelopment of the Caloundra Health Service is underway, with the Specialist Palliative Care Service set to be expanded and upgraded to include the collocation of inpatient, outpatient and consultation liaison services at the one facility.

Community Integrated and Sub Acute Services, Service Director Mr Cang Dang says the redevelopment will also represent a significant change in Sunshine Coast Palliative Care.

“The redevelopment of the Caloundra Health Service will allow patients to access all levels of care and services at the one location, in a contemporary, comfortable and safe healthcare environment,” Mr Dang said.

“The expansion will provide an additional 8 inpatient beds bringing the total number of inpatient beds to 18, an additional 4 day clinic beds will also be added, along with five consultation rooms.

“A key design feature of the project is a landscaped courtyard which will provide a comfortable, friendly and safe environment that allows patients to feel more at home in the clinical environment,” he said.

The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) engaged extensively with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health team, a local Gubbi Gubbi community member and community groups for advice on landscaping designs and elements. The courtyard, which was designed around a ‘history of Caloundra’ theme, features privacy screens, pavers and plants which represent both cultural and historical elements.

The multi million-dollar redevelopment will see the Caloundra Health Service remain the hub for the SCHHS Palliative Care Service.

Construction work on the project commenced in November 2017 and is scheduled for completion by late 2018.

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