THE Wide Bay Hospital and Health Board and Service have welcomed Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk’s announcement that the search would now begin for a new site for a future Bundaberg Hospital.

The announcement follows the presentation in April of WBHHS’s preliminary business case for a new or significantly refurbished hospital, due to the growth constraints and flood risks of the current site.

Board Chair Peta Jamieson said the announcement was a big win for the community.

“We welcome the Premier’s personal announcement that the Queensland Government has supported us moving to the next stage of the Bundaberg Hospital redevelopment process, including the compilation of a detailed business case and searching for a new greenfield site,” Peta said.

A new hospital would be the biggest development this region has seen in decades, and perhaps in its history – not just from a health perspective, but also because of the economic injection it would give to the Bundaberg and Wide Bay Burnett regions.

“A new hospital would mean we would be able to provide more specialist services close to home and save more of our community from having to travel to Brisbane for care, which makes a big difference to patients and their families because it reduces stress and the cost burden.

“A new hospital would also lead to the creation of up to 800 new health-related jobs, and potentially up to 1,750 construction-related jobs throughout the duration of the project.”

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Bundaberg Hospital kids to star on Juiced TV

THE Juiced TV team is currently onsite at Bundaberg Hospital filming for its popular children’s show.

Yesterday the team filmed across a number of wards, including the Paediatrics Unit, where they filmed a healthy food segment with children at the unit.

Team members from Woolworths, which sponsors a number of fundraising initiatives for our paediatric units, were also part of the segment.

This morning the Juiced TV team will be filming our annual State of Origin Cupcake Challenge outside Thirst Aid Café.

Juiced TV is a television show made by kids in hospital, for kids in hospital.

It’s broadcast weekly and most filmed at the Queensland Children’s Hospital, giving sick kids and their siblings the chance to star in their very own TV show.

It’s great to have the crew come up to Bundaberg and involve our patients. Look out for more in the next Wave.

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Walking together for Reconciliation Week

WBHHS staff came together with local Traditional Custodians and other members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to celebrate Reconciliation Week, with a series of morning and afternoon tea events across the region.

They were supported by Board Chair Peta Jamieson and Chief Executive Adrian Pennington, who delivered speeches on behalf of WBHHS.

“Reconciliation Week has grown in stature each year within our health service, and it was terrific to see so many people joining us for occasions across the region this year,” Adrian said.

“As health professionals, it’s important for us to acknowledge the impact that some aspects of our history still have on some of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health consumers today.”

“IT’s a reminder of why the work we’re doing to Close the Gap in Indigenous health outcomes is so important.”

WBHHS will also hold some staff barbecues in July to celebrate NAIDOC Week, with details to be published at a later date.

Peta paid tribute to WBHHS Chief Executive Adrian Pennington, the Executive team and clinical leaders who helped drive the project and enabled a compelling case for a new hospital to be made.

WBHHS has also collaborated with a number of other agencies on the project, including members of Queensland Health’s capital and planning teams, Building Queensland – the Queensland Government’s infrastructure advisory body – and community partners including Bundaberg Regional Council.

Peta said those partnerships would continue to be vital throughout the detailed business case phase.

“The detailed business case will determine things such as the exact size and dimensions of the hospital and all its units, our exact workforce needs, and all the equipment and infrastructure necessary to support a facility of this size and type,” she said.

“Crucial to all of this will be the search for a new site, which will need to take into account a range of issues such as access, parking, flood protection and the capacity for future growth and expansion.”

Chief Executive Adrian Pennington welcomed the announcement and the huge health benefits it would bring to the community, adding it would reinvigorate staff further to continue enhancing services.

“Our staff have worked hard over the past few years to make WBHHS one of the best performing health services in the state, and I’d like to thank all of them,” he said.

“The prospect of a new hospital will mean we will be able to expand our services – from acute care through to community, allied and mental health – and continue to provide the highest-quality care from a modern, purpose-built facility.

“Combined with the progress that’s being made with the development of a new medical program for Wide Bay and Central Queensland, in conjunction with CQUniversity and the University of Queensland, this will make a huge difference to our ability to recruit and retain high-calibre specialists to clinical and education roles.

“We’re very excited about seeing all this hard work eventually come to fruition.”

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Reconciliation Week across WBHHS
Join the WBHHS Cane2Coral team

If you’re looking for a way to ward off the winter cold, the solution may be at hand – join the WBHHS corporate team for the Cane2Coral fun run and walk, and start training!

WBHHS will once again be entering a team in the annual Bundaberg event, which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary on Sunday, August 4. Participants can choose to run the 21.1km half marathon, or walk or run the 4km or 10km courses, which snake along the Bargara foreshore.

Every employee who signs up will be eligible for a goodie bag that includes a WBHHS active shirt and WBHHS water bottle.

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Board Chair Peta Jamieson encouraged staff members to participate in the event.

“Not only is this a fun and healthy thing to do alongside your colleagues, it also enables you to represent WBHHS in the community and actively take part in health promotion,” Peta said.

“Health promotion is an increasingly important part of our strategic plan, Care Comes First...Through Patients’ Eyes, as we try to reduce preventable hospital admissions. And it’s nice to be able to do it as part of such a great community event.”

Chief Executive Adrian Pennington said he hoped to build on the success of last year’s event, at which more than 50 staff members and their families gathered to take part.

“The great thing about the Cane2Coral is that it suits people of all ages and fitness levels, so you can either challenge yourself to do a run or you can walk alongside friends or family,” Adrian said.

“As employers, staff wellbeing is important to us, so we encourage as many of our employees as possible to sign up. There’s plenty of time to lace up your shoes and get walking or jogging.”

Staff are responsible for paying for their own registration, which can be done online. Fees are as follows:

- Adults – $30 (4km), $35 (10km), $60 (21.1km)
- Children (up to 17) – $15 (4km), $20 (10km).

Before you register, go to our Cane2Coral QHEPS page to find out how to become part of the WBHHS team and sign up for your goodie bag.

Call for papers at healthcare innovation symposium

THERE’S still time for Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service employees to submit papers for presentations and workshops at the Inaugural CQUnderstanding Symposium: Thinking innovatively in collaborative healthcare practice.

The symposium, which will be held on September 18 and 19 at CQU University Bundaberg campus, is a great opportunity for WBHHS staff to showcase and discuss innovative practices, technology and research with industry peers and leaders in the health care industry.

Presentation topics should relate to the symposium theme of “Thinking innovatively in collaborative healthcare practice”, and could address a wide range of relevant issues including healthy aging, new ways of working in the sector, education of the future healthcare workforce and self-care and resilience for health practitioners.

Event details, online submissions, tickets to the Symposium can all be found on the CQU University website.

The closing date for paper submissions is COB Friday, June 28.
A healthy career path

BreastScreen takes life-saving message to local shows

OUR Recruitment team had a busy couple of days in late May at a number of career expos. Between May 22 and May 25, the recruitment team was on site at the Bundaberg, Fraser Coast and Brisbane careers expos. The team reported that they had good compliments at all the events, established great contacts and linked up with many potential employees. It was the first time the Recruitment team set up at the Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo, proving to be well worthwhile.

Some 9000 attendees went through on the Friday and another 3000 on the Saturday. While numbers were lower on the Saturday, WBHHS Recruitment Manager Michelle Kennedy said many attendees on that day were people who had a specific interest in career paths that were on offer in our organisation, including university graduates and school students who had chatted to our team on Friday and returned with their parents.

The Brisbane event also proved to be a great opportunity to promote the benefits or working in our region, including at our rural facilities, where graduates get a good grounding for their careers through a more all-round experience.

OUR BreastScreen team was kept busy at both the Bundaberg and Fraser Coast shows, having hundreds of conversations about the importance of regular mammograms. On top of planting the seed for future bookings by women and encouraging other locals to spread the word to relatives and friends, there was a number of women who booked appointments at the shows.

At the Bundaberg Show 49 women made an appointment, while at the Fraser Coast 22 ladies booked a BreastScreen.

A life-saving BreastScreen is a free service without the need for a doctor’s referral and only takes 30 minutes.

BreastScreen is recommended every two years for women in the 50 to 74 years age group, while any woman in their 40s or 75 years and over is also eligible for a free appointment.

To make an appointment with your local service, simply call 13 20 50.
**High spirits for high tea**

THERE was great support for the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation at its High Tea at the Gardens on May 18.

More than 100 people attended and generously dug into their purses by raising $5000 towards Bundaberg Hospital equipment purchases by the Foundation.

Funds raised on the day have been earmarked for two cloud day chairs and a Hovertech air supply for the Intensive Care unit.

The cloud day chairs are specifically designed to support high-dependency patients at increased risk of pressure injury, utilising new developments in fabric and cushion technology.

The Hovertech air supply is a patient rolling assistance device that supports staff with rolling patients more easily and frequently.

**Remembering those who donated tissue and organs**

Hervey Bay will hold its annual DonateLife Service of Remembrance on June 15.

The Service of Remembrance honours all organ and tissue donors and their families in the Fraser Coast region.

“The purpose of this service is to provide a forum for acknowledgement of and gratitude to donors and their families,” WBHHS donation specialist nurse Ian Rogers said.

“The ceremony offers a chance to reflect and remember, and is open to anyone who has been touched by organ and tissue donation.

“It is also an opportunity for all those touched by organ and tissue donation to meet with others whose lives have also been changed by this experience.

“For the people who attend this service, it represents an important occasion in their lives.”

Each year during the service our local recipient families give organ donor families a small gift of flowers to say thank you for the generous gift that they have given to the community.

This shows their appreciation to these incredible local families who have given so much in a time of grief.

Fraser Coast Anglican College Chapel will host the Service of Remembrance on Saturday, June 15, starting at 2pm. For more details visit the Donate Life website.

Bundaberg also recently held its own DonateLife Service of Remembrance at Shalom College on May 26.

The service was well attended by donor families, donation recipients, health staff and community members.
What's On

JUNE
1–30 Bowel Cancer Awareness Month
3–9 World Haemochromatosis Week
10–16 Men’s Health Week
19 Red Apple Day (Bowel Cancer)

JULY
1–31 Dry July
7–14 NAIDOC Week
7–14 National Diabetes Week
28 World Hepatitis Day
28 JUL–3 AUG DonateLife Week 2019

Brett’s back in the Bay to develop our leaders

Your role?
Director of Organisational Development (part of Human Resources).

How long have you been at WBHHS?
Three weeks.

How do you describe what you do?
I enable and support positive change through leadership/management development, employee engagement and organisational performance initiatives.

What’s best about your job?
I really enjoy facilitating leadership and management programs because it’s a chance to make a big difference for people and their success.

When you’re not at work, you are...
Lying on the couch reading or watching sport on TV.

Haemochromatosis Awareness Week
Did you know Haemochromatosis is the most common genetic disorder in Australia?

One in 200 people are at risk of developing iron overload from haemochromatosis and one in seven are carriers of one gene.

The good news is that it is easily treated if detected early through blood testing and poses no barrier to normal, healthy life.

During Haemochromatosis Awareness Week (June 3–9), people are being encouraged to be tested.

If you know someone in your family has haemochromatosis, or you have been feeling tired and aching for an extended period, talk to your GP about haemochromatosis.

Joke of the day
As we’ve just hit winter, it seems appropriate to share some cold and flu-type jokes...

A truck carrying Vicks Vaporub lost its load on the highway after hitting a big pothole.

Police were amazed there was no congestion for six hours afterwards.

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A man went to his doctor, who commented immediately that the patient had a terrible cough.

“Really?” the man wheezed. “I’m surprised you say that, because I’ve been practising all night.”
Health information at local schools

TWO of WBHHS’s Rural Allied and Community Health team members took some important health information and promotion messages to the community when they participated in a recent school information forum.

Allied Health Assistant Sheree Jewess and School-Based Youth Health Nurse Laine Collins attended the event at Biggenden State School on June 22, armed with reams of health promotion material and information about available local services.

Sheree said the stall was a big success.

“We had a lot of information about services our Rural Allied and Community Health professionals provide on their visits to Biggenden,” she said.

Parents and children were full of questions about healthy eating and being active, along with how to look after your feet and sleep hygiene to even diabetes.

“It was fantastic to see how enthused they were to hear this information. Some students and parents didn’t realise we had these services here in town.”

Sheree said one of the measures of success was how little material she and Laine were left with by the end of the afternoon.

“Our table was full in the beginning and before too long it was nearly empty,” she said.

“Some more information afternoons will be happening again later on in the year, and we’d be excited to share information about our services with the community once again.”

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