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Elective Surgery action

Emeritus Professor Paul Thomas AM, Chair Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Board said the Board is proud its public hospitals continue to deliver more services to the community than ever before.

“Total hospital activity across the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service in 2013-14 increased by 5 per cent over the previous year,” Professor Thomas said.

Professor Thomas said that he was particularly pleased that as at 1 October 2014, there were no long wait elective surgery patients in any category at Nambour, Gympie or Caloundra Hospitals.

“This is an exceptional outcome and one that could only be achieved through the dedication and effort of the staff of the Hospital and Health Service (HHS).

“The Board, since its inception in July 2012, has continually been impressed by the commitment and determination of the staff of the HHS to respond to the ever increasing demands on public health services.

“As members of the local community, our staff consistently provide the highest level of care to their community.

The latest quarterly performance figures are evidence of this and show 96 per cent of all Category 1 (admission within 30 days) elective surgery patients were treated within the recommended timeframe, compared to 86 per cent in the March quarter.

“Whilst this moving average shows improvement, the snapshot as at 1 October of the zero long waits at three of our facilities is the real measure of current performance and one that we are determined to maintain,” Professor Thomas said.

“This is despite continued growth in demand for elective surgery with almost 1000 more cases performed than in 2012-13.

“To achieve these results while continuing the planning and development of the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital is testament to the quality and dedication of our staff,” he added.

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