



Good medicine for local economy

The Townsville Hospital and Health Service (HHS) has ended 2015-2016 treating more patients in communities across North Queensland than ever before.

Townsville Hospital and Health Board Chair Tony Mooney said he was very proud of the work done across the region by more than 5,000 full-time staff treating hundreds of thousands of patients in hospitals, community health services and clinics from

Cardwell to Home Hill and west to Richmond.

During the 2015-2016 financial year, the Townsville HHS performed 8,292 elective surgical operations, admitted more than 75,000 people to hospitals and delivered 2,750 babies.

“In addition to delivering high-quality and compassionate care, the health service is also the region’s largest civilian employer,” Mr Mooney said.

“We employ one in 50 North Queenslanders and our wages bill alone contributes more than \$50 million a month into the local economy.”

Mr Mooney said the health service had

adopted a prudent approach to financial management.

“The budget finished with a modest surplus of \$1.5 million,” he said.

“In 2016-2017 we have approved an \$868 million balanced operating budget.

“Additionally, \$78.7 million has been earmarked in the budget for infrastructure, equipment and maintenance projects.

“These projects will improve the care we provide to the community and boost the local economy during these tough economic times.

“A key priority is to improve the children’s ward at The Townsville Hospital. The Queensland Government has come on board with \$6.6 million in funding to redevelop and expand the ward into a state-of-the-art paediatric facility. This commitment will make a big difference to the care that we can provide to sick kids.”

Mr Mooney said the health service was also on track to offer more than 369,000 outpatient appointments in the coming year.

“Cutting waiting times for specialist outpatient appointments is a major focus for the 2016-2017 financial year,” he said.

“In addition to delivering high standards of care, the health service and board are looking forward to building stronger ties with our communities to develop and deliver excellent public health care.”

\$78.7 million infrastructure, equipment and maintenance projects in 2016-2017 including:

\$12.5 million clinical equipment across our facilities

\$6.4 million infrastructure improvements at rural facilities

\$6.6 million redevelopment and expansion of The Townsville Hospital children’s ward

300 additional staff car parks and
50 additional public car parks next to The Townsville Hospital Cancer Centre in addition to the existing 1982 staff car parks and 646 public car parks

\$16.5 million new community health centre on Palm Island

\$12.1 million 22-bed planned procedure unit at The Townsville Hospital

\$1.57 million Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at The Townsville Hospital

\$500 thousand upgrade of residential accommodation at the Townsville Community Care Acquired Brain Injury Unit

\$2.25 million expansion of medical imaging department at The Townsville Hospital

Where the money goes

In 2015-2016, the Townsville HHS revenue of \$864.4 million was spent as shown below. This included a modest surplus of \$1.5 million.



Our 2015–2016 achievements



At 30 June 2016, **no patient was waiting longer than the clinically recommended time** for all three elective surgery categories



At 30 June 2016, the Townsville HHS maintained its **zero long-wait status** for general dental treatment



The **\$13.5 million refurbishment** of the Alec Illin Secure Mental Health Rehabilitation Unit at The Townsville Hospital was completed



The Townsville HHS's cochlear implant service marked its first anniversary with **15 children and adults** fitted with life – changing cochlear devices



The renal unit at the Joyce Palmer Health Service on Palm Island was refurbished and an **extra dialysis chair** was provided



The Townsville HHS introduced **flexible visiting hours** to improve patient care

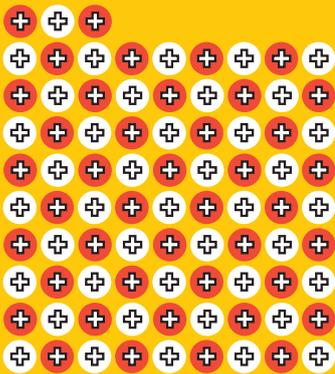


Eventide Residential Aged Care Facility **achieved accreditation** from the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

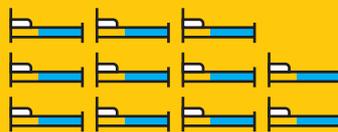


Townsville HHS staff celebrated more than **7,000 years of collective service** at length-of-service events

Joyce Palmer Health Service in 2015–2016



8,436 emergency department visits



11 beds



732 admissions

