Sunshine Coast University Hospital celebrates its 1\textsuperscript{st} birthday

Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) celebrates its first birthday on 28 March!

The opening of SCUH a year ago marked a revolution in healthcare for the region, offering an expanded range of free public healthcare services to the community, supported by highly-trained and specialised staff.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) Chief Executive Adj. Professor Naomi Dwyer says the hospital’s first 12 months of operation has seen an exceptional level of healthcare delivered to the community.

“Our first year has seen more Sunshine Coast patients being treated closer to home and the sheer volume of patients has meant the need for our staff to hit the ground running,” she said.

“In our first year* more than 70,000 people received treatment as inpatients. That equates to almost a quarter of the Sunshine Coast population.

“We have performed 8,995 surgeries, including 4,467 elective surgeries. We have been privileged to welcome 2,743 new babies into the world, including 63 multiple births.

“Our busy emergency department has had over 64,807 visits. Our hard working operational services team have served more than 380,000 meals, rivalling some of the countries busiest hotels.”

SCUH has provided the Sunshine Coast with access to state-of-the-art equipment and a unique partnership for education, training and research.

Adj. Professor Dwyer said “A person-centred approach to providing exceptional care is integral to our health service delivering on our vision and strategic objectives as the hospital moves beyond its first birthday.”

“At SCUH we offer patients the opportunity to have their say on the health care they receive. Over the past 12 months we are proud to have received a 4.5 star satisfaction rating. We will strive to maintain this as we move forward.”

“After the many years of preparation and planning prior to opening, the team are so proud to be able to look back after a year at our successes and the positive impact we have made on the Sunshine Coast community.”

SCUH opened with about 450 beds, with plans to grow to 738 beds by 2021. Services and capacity at SCUH will continue to develop over the coming years.
MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Media are invited to attend the 1st birthday celebrations.

What: Sunshine Coast University Hospital 1st Birthday Celebration
When: Wednesday 28 March 2018, 1pm to 2pm
Where: Sunshine Coast University Hospital Reception

*data in this document relates to the period 28 March 2017 to 28 February 2018.

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Sunshine Coast University Hospital

takes a look back on an amazing first year

Here’s what we’ve done in ONE year!

- **70,729** Inpatients
  - kids 9,528
  - adults 61,201
- **4467** Elective surgeries
- **107,270** Outpatient appointments
- **4528** Emergency surgeries performed
- **384,142** Meals served
- **64,807** Presentations to Emergency Department
- **2743** Babies born
- **675** Babies treated in Special Care Nursery/Neonatal Intensive Care

**Average 4 1/2 star**
Good to very good
Consumer feedback

Sunshine Coast University Hospital
Hospital and Health Service
Exceptional people. Exceptional healthcare.