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150 years of service in Gympie

Gympie Hospital will mark its 150th Anniversary with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque on Wednesday, 5 September 2018.

The hospital has a long and proud history of serving the community. It first opened as Nashville Miners Hospital in 1868, and in true community spirit, it was founded by subscription collected from the community.

Today, Gympie Hospital continues to provide healthcare excellence to the community and remains one of the largest employers in the region.

Director of Nursing and Facility Manager, Nicole White said is important we have a permanent memento of the hospital’s proud history.

“The plaque is a long-lasting legacy dedicated to past, present and future staff, and our ongoing commitment to the Gympie community.

“In 2017/18 our team provided care for 14,000 inpatients and more than 30,000 emergency department presentations. We feel privileged to provide patient care for our region well into the future” Ms White said.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) Chief Executive Adj. Professor Naomi Dwyer will formally unveil the plaque.

“We are very excited, not only to acknowledge the hospital’s 150th year in the region but to celebrate the commitment of past and present staff, and the important role they have played in the Gympie community” she said.

Gympie Southside Woolworths is kindly sponsoring a staff BBQ after the unveiling, allowing staff the opportunity to reminisce.

The plaque unveiling will be complemented by a Soiree on 20 October as part of 150th anniversary celebrations.

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

*Media are invited to attend the plaque unveiling for interview and photo opportunities.*

**What:** Gympie Hospital 150th plaque unveiling  
**When:** Wednesday 5 September 2018, 9:50am
Where: Meet at the front of the Hospital, for unveiling of plaque near flagpoles followed by a tour of the hospital and photo wall.

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