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Toowoomba Hospital serves up Christmas Cheer

Patients spending Christmas day at Toowoomba Hospital will be able to experience a taste of home with a traditional Christmas lunch on the menu.

This year's Christmas lunch will feature ham, roast turkey, roast potato and vegetables, with a choice of traditional favourites plum pudding and custard or pavlova with raspberry and passionfruit coulis for dessert.

A/Toowoomba Hospital General Manager Mr Michael Metcalfe said the catering team looked forward to making Christmas as enjoyable as possible for the patients who were in hospital on Christmas Day.

"In the last few years the traditional Christmas lunch has proven very popular," Mr Metcalfe said.

"There are also vegetarian choices, lighter lunches like sandwiches and cold meats and salad, and of course we cater for special dietary requirements.

"We must remember that our patients are in hospital for treatment, so regardless of what they choose from the menu, we always strive to make sure lunch is not only tasty, but nutritious as well."

Mr Metcalfe praised the efforts of all hospital staff who care for patients spending Christmas in hospital.

"On Christmas day we have many staff giving up time with their families to help care for patients who will spend the day in hospital," he said.

"These include staff from nursing, medical, allied health, catering, administrative and operational services, all of whom continue to attend to the needs of our patients.

"I would like to offer our sincere thanks for their dedication, and to wish our patients, staff and visitors a very Merry Christmas."

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