Annual report shows record numbers of patients treated

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) is treating more patients than ever before.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Board Chair Dr Lorraine Ferguson AM and acting Health Service Chief Executive Scott Lisle said they were proud of SCHHS’ achievements, in caring for a constantly increasing number of Sunshine Coast and Gympie residents as well as successfully opening the $1.8 billion Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH).

Dr Ferguson said the SCHHS 2016-2017 Annual Report evidenced a high-performing quality health service.

“No doubt, the greatest achievement was the safe and successful commencement of patient services at SCUH in March 2017,” she said.

Mr Lisle said: “This was an incredible effort from our staff who are committed to providing high quality health care to the people of the Sunshine Coast and Gympie region.”

“Every day the SCHHS invests $2.7 million in the provision of health service delivery.”

Highlights from 2016-2017 include:

- 3022 babies born (2953 in the previous year)
- 273,173 specialist outpatient appointments (250,056 in the previous year)
- 144,103 patients treated in emergency departments (121,475 in the previous year)
- 11,307 elective surgeries performed (9866 in the previous year)
- 127,177 patients admitted and discharged from hospital
- 32,700 women underwent a breast screen
- 31,361 dental occasions of service for children
- 45,206 dental occasions of service for adults
- 2181 patient appointments via telehealth.

“Since commencement of services in mid-March to end June 2017, SCUH saw a significant number of patients including: 50,630 outpatient visits; 16,845 emergency department presentations; 1042 elective surgeries and 724 births,” Mr Lisle said.

“While there is no doubt the opening of SCUH is a significant achievement for our health service, we will continue to grow and expand our range of services to better meet our communities’ needs.”
“For example, we have new services commencing at SCUH (as part of Stage 2) after July 2018, such as cardiac surgery. The redevelopments at Nambour and Caloundra will also continue, with works at Caloundra expected to be completed by the end of 2018,” he said.

“We are determined to build on our successes and ensure we continue to provide our community with quality health care.

“This is an exciting time for SCHHS and all our skilled, dedicated staff.”

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