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Home to over 112,000 people and forecast to grow to over 144,000 by 2041, the region currently boasts two large public hospitals, the private St Stephens Hospital – Australia's first fully digital private hospital, and an expansive range of specialist care.

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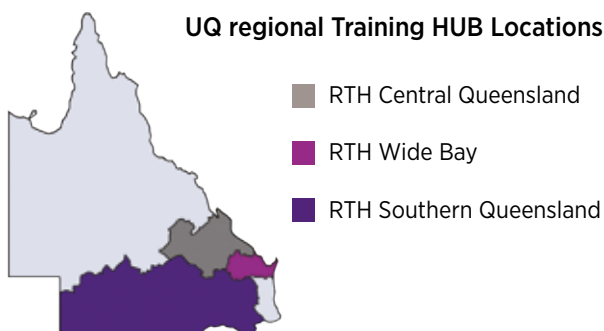
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The University of Queensland Regional Training Hubs (UQRTH) exist to improve the coordination of the stages of medical training across regional Queensland, so that medical students and medical trainees who want to practice rurally or regionally can complete as much of their medical training as possible in regional, rural and remote areas.

Not only do the regions offer excellent medical education and training opportunities; they also provide beautiful landscapes, diverse lifestyle options, stunning environments, access to fresh gourmet food and produce and flourishing industries, without the hustle and bustle of the city.

The UQRTH geographically aligns with four of Queensland's sixteen Hospital and Health Service locations of Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Darling Downs and South West.



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E: rthwb@uq.edu.au

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E: rthsq@uq.edu.au



Program

Day 1: Saturday 25 February

Saturday morning – complimentary coach transfers

- 9am **Registrations and breakfast with Trade Exhibitors**
- 10am **Welcome to Country**
Aunty Karen Hall
- 10.10am **Welcome from AMA Queensland**
Dr Nick Yim – Vice President of AMA Queensland
- 10.15am **Platinum sponsor: Welcome to the Fraser Coast**
Cr George Seymour – Mayor of Fraser Coast Regional Council
- 10.25am **Panel session: Healthcare opportunities on the Fraser Coast**
Dr Nick Yim (Chair) and sponsors
- 10.45am **Plenary: Geographical narcissism during medical education and training**
A/Prof Riitta Partanen
- 11am **Panel: Geographical narcissism: Debunking the myths of rural and regional practice**
A/Prof Riitta Partanen (Chair), Dr Charles Williams, Jo-Anne Richards, Dr Henry Watter and Sabrina Montaldo
- 11.35am **Plenary: Royal Flying Doctor Service and Retrieval Services**
Sabrina Montaldo
- 12pm **Lunch with Trade Exhibitors**
- 1pm **Presentation and Q&A: Your future starts now – financial advice to set you up for life!**
Nicole Brown, Sav Angi and Josh Holt – Cutcher & Neale
- 1.30pm **Elevator pitch**
Dr Nick Yim (5 minutes)
- Breakout Session 1:**
- 1. Nursing panel – the diverse pathways nursing can take you**
Sabrina Montaldo, Janelle Vaughan, Jo-Anne Richards and Samantha Nind
- 2. GP panel – the diverse pathways GPs can lead**
Dr Maria Boulton (Chair), A/Prof Riitta Partanen, Dr Kim Gidall and Dr Eugene Wong
- 3. CV optimising / interview practice**
Dr John Inderhaug
- 2.10pm **Breakout Session 2:**
- 1. Panel – Tackling bias in medicine**
Dr Ajith Thampi, Dr Sara Bluefeather, Dr Olivia Osmer and Dr Ebenezer Francis Arthur
- 2. Burnout, self-care and effective debriefing**
Dr Jennifer Schafer DHQ and Dr Emma Hodge
- 3. CV optimising / interview practice**
Dr John Inderhaug

2.45pm

Breakout Session 3:

1. **Managing challenging patients and families**
Dr Rebecca Lyon
2. **Burnout, self-care and effective debriefing**
Dr Jennifer Schafer DHQ and Dr Emma Hodge
2. **CV optimising / interview practice**
Dr John Inderhaug

3.20pm

Afternoon tea with Trade Exhibitors and prizes

3.50pm

Auditorium: Medical Research Program presentations
OR

Workshops (30 minutes each)

3.50pm **Graded assertiveness: How to ensure you are being heard**
Samantha Walsh

4.20pm **Feedback: Becoming active participants in your feedback experience**
Dr John Inderhaug and Bob Clarke

4.50pm

Presentation of Medical Research Program winners
Day 1 wrap up
Dr Nick Yim

5pm

Complimentary coach transfers

Bus 1: 5pm (60 people) if you would like to participate in water sports try to get on this first bus

Bus 2: 5.30pm

5.30pm

Saturday social function

– 8.00pm

Aquavue Restaurant, sponsored by MIPS and AMA Queensland

5.30pm

Beach activities: water, soft drink and watersports.
Including jet ski's, banana boat ride, single and double kayaks,
stand-up paddle boards and beach volleyball

6.30pm

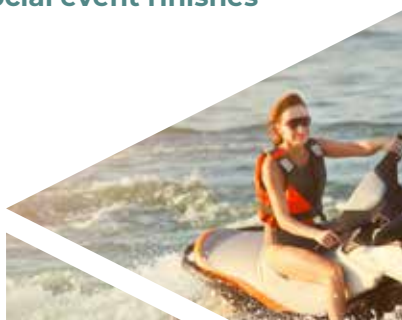
– 7.30pm

Complimentary beach BBQ: with drinks at
Aquavue Restaurant thanks to sponsor MIPS.
Please note alcoholic drinks will be provided
at the BBQ dinner. They are not allowed
on the beach with watersports.

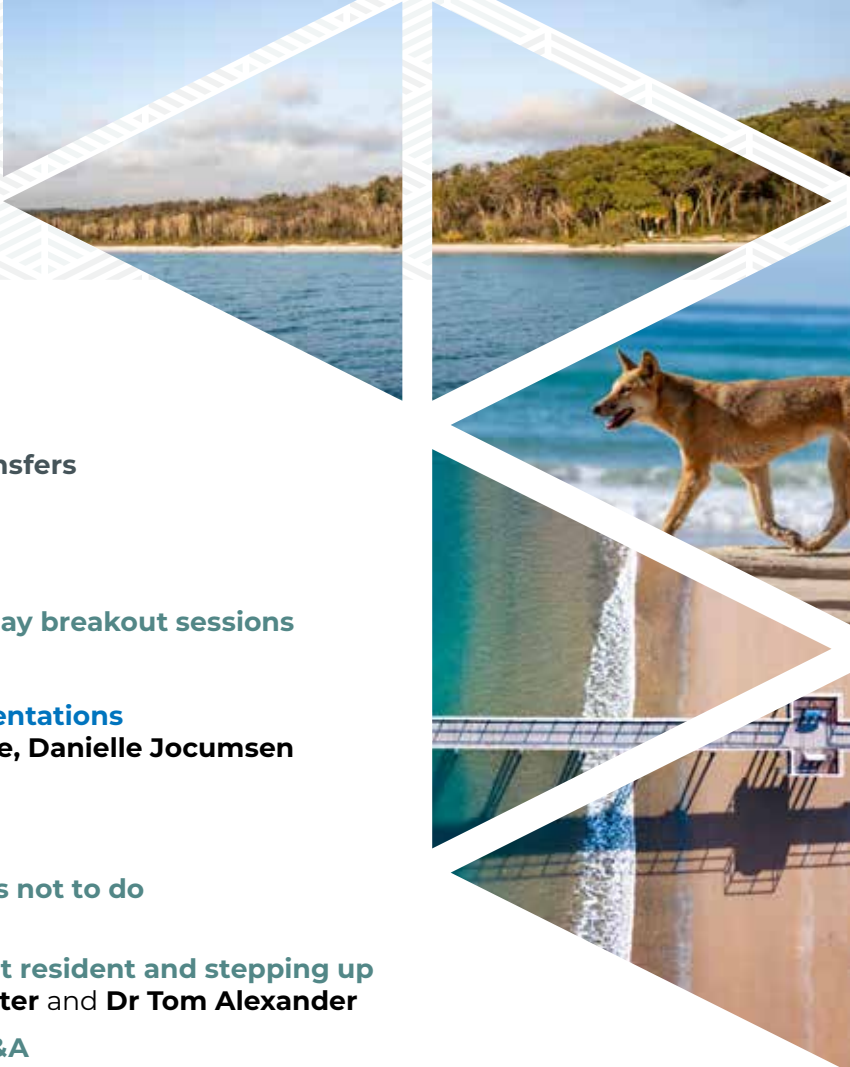
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8pm

Social event finishes



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Day 2: Sunday 26 February

Sunday morning – complimentary coach transfers

8.20am Breakfast with Trade Exhibitors

9.20am Re-cap of Day 1
Elevator pitch: Overview of Sunday breakout sessions
Dr Nick Yim

9.30am Nursing Research Program presentations
Jo-Anne Richards, Theresa Beane, Danielle Jocumsen
and April Martin

9.30am Medical Program Sessions:
Topic 1: Prescribing: Top 10 things not to do
Dr Perrea Martain
Topic 2: Panel – How to be a great resident and stepping up
Dr Perrea Martain, Dr Henry Watter and Dr Tom Alexander
Topic 3: Surviving on call with Q&A
Dr Tom Alexander

11am Morning tea with Trade Exhibitors

11.30am Tribalism and protectionism: The healthcare challenge
Dr Nick Yim

12pm Closing keynote from AMA Queensland President
Dr Maria Boulton

12.30pm Conference wrap up
Dr Nick Yim

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12.45pm Coach transfers to one of two locations (you choose)

1pm – 4pm: Fun Sunday social activity
Sponsored by Hervey Bay Surgical Hospital

Two options:

1. Complimentary lunch at the Beach House Hotel to the value of \$30
OR

2. Pay \$30 to go on the Brilliant Fraser Getaway cruise, a 3 hour tour from Hervey Bay along the west coast of stunning World Heritage-listed Fraser Island. Swim in the dolphin boom-net (limited to 50 guests). Normally \$60pp. Pay and pick your ticket up at the AMA Queensland registration desk at the conference.

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Please note: Program has been created by The University of Queensland and the Fraser Coast Conference committee – sessions and speakers are subject to change.



Abstract Finalists

Medical research presentations

Oral

Emma Hodge

Residential aged care facility perspectives on strengths and challenges in COVID-19 outbreaks: A mixed methods review.

Henry Watter

Choledocholithiasis with hepatolithiasis: Spontaneous passage of a 'string of pearls'.

Vikram Nedunchezian

Influence of cadaveric dissections on pre-clinical medical students' interest in surgical and procedure-oriented specialties.

Matthew Masoudi

A contemporary systematic review of the complications associated with SURGICEL®.

Fraser Simpson

Blood transfusions and colorectal cancer: Risk factors for blood transfusion and anastomotic leak in colorectal cancer surgery.

Poster

Emma Hodge

Why are some outbreaks worse than others? COVID-19 outbreak management strategies from a PHU perspective.

Henry Watter

Melanoma with rhabdomyosarcomatous features: A potential diagnostic pitfall.

Nursing research presentations

Jo-Anne Richards

How do mental health nurses work with people with mental illness who are overweight or obese to achieve a healthier weight range?

Danielle Jocusen

Providing emergency care in rural and remote facilities: What are the needs of non-emergency trained registered nurses new to the environment?

April Martin

The eMR and nursing practice: A narrative review.

Theresa Beane

Keeping baby close and safe: Caregiver awareness of the safe use of infant slings and baby carriers.

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Biographies



DR NICK YIM

Dr Nick Yim is a General Practitioner in Hervey Bay and AMA Queensland's Vice President and Council Chair. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners since 2017. Dr Yim has been a member of the AMA Queensland Council since 2016 and the AMA Queensland Board since 2020. He plays an active role in medical education for GP registrars and The University of Queensland Rural Clinical School. Locally, he is the immediate Past President of the Fraser Coast Local Medical Association.



CR GEORGE SEYMOUR

George Seymour was elected Mayor of Fraser Coast Regional Council in May 2018, after six years' service as the Division 10 Councillor. George worked as a solicitor, a disability support worker and ran the region's youth homeless shelter prior to his council election. He researches and writes about history, architecture and literature, regularly presenting talks at the Fraser Coast libraries. George's goal as Mayor is to ensure the Fraser Coast is a vibrant, healthy and active community.



DR MARIA BOULTON

Dr Maria Boulton is an industry leader, GP specialist, business owner, media commentator and public speaker. With two decades' experience in private practice and hospitals in Brisbane and regional Queensland, she drives state and national medical policy as President of AMA Queensland. Dr Boulton's experiences growing up in El Salvador underpin her reputation as a compassionate advocate for doctors and patients. Immigrating to Australia in 1990, Dr Boulton completed her medical degree at The University of Queensland in 2002. She is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and a graduate and member of Australian Institute of Company Directors.



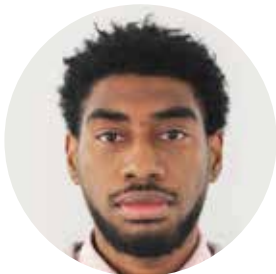
DR THOMAS ALEXANDER

Dr Thomas Alexander is a Registrar in Emergency Medicine, training at Hervey Bay Hospital where he has worked for four years. He has a specialist interest in medical education, working part time at The University of Queensland. Thomas trained in the UK's St. George's University of London, spending initial years as a Junior Doctor in Devon, where he worked in an 800-bed, rural hospital. Prior to this he studied biological natural sciences in Cambridge and worked as a landscape gardener – a pastime he continues to enjoy.



SAV ANGI

Working closely with his clients to get insight into their unique personal and financial circumstances, Sav Angi ultimate aim is to help his clients reach their goals. Sav enjoys working in partnership with clients to explain and implement wealth creation strategies such as effective tax structuring and debt reduction whilst not losing sight of the important objective of asset protection. Drawing on over 30 years of experience, Sav takes a holistic approach with his clients, allowing him to consider many aspects of clients' finances including their family, practice/business arrangements, investment strategies and retirement planning (including superannuation). This experience has allowed him to gain a deep understanding of all matters relating to tax, superannuation and finance matters which enables him to be a trusted financial adviser for his clients.



DR EBENEZER FRANCIS ARTHUR

Dr Ebenezer Francis Arthur graduated from the Philippines' University of Santo Tomas medical school in 2012, completing his internship at Makati Medical Center in 2013 and orthopaedic surgery training at the same institution in 2018. Ebenezer was a Diplomate, Philippine Board of Orthopaedics in 2019. In 2019-2021 he undertook a Fellowship in hip and knee preservation, reconstruction and revision at Queensland Hips and Knees, under Drs Gauguin Gamboa and Sheanna Maine. In 2021 Ebenezer became a Fellow in lower limb sports Orthopaedics at Perth Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Centre under Drs Peter Annear and Jens Buelow and a Fellow of the Philippine Orthopaedic Association. After taking on the role of Orthopaedic PHO at Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) November 2021 – January 2023, he was recently appointed ED RMO at WBHHS.



THERESA BEANE

Theresa (Tess) Beane is a full-time Clinical Practice Coordinator at the Wide Bay Health Service's Cancer Care Service Hervey Bay. Tess holds a Bachelor of Nursing and completed postgraduate studies at both the University of Sunshine Coast and the University of Southern Queensland. She is Chair of the Cancer Nursing Society and is a member of the research committee. Tess strives to improve and increase her knowledge and skills in improving both patient and nursing education. She has been a sessional tutor at USC for over two years while completing her Master of Clinical Leadership.



DR LARA BEST

Dr Lara Best has special clinical interests in brain, spine, head, neck, lung, upper GI and skin cancers, palliative radiation therapy and benign conditions. Lara attends GenesisCare clinic in Hervey Bay. She studied and trained in Canada, including radiation oncology training at Western University. She completed fellowships at Calvary Mater Newcastle and Queens University before taking a position at the Nova Scotia Cancer Center. Lara completed a Master of Education in 2019, focusing on the impact of technology on registrar learning in the radiation oncology workplace. Lara moved to Australia with family in 2021 to work as a Fellow while she completes her RANZCR final exams.

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SARA BLUEFEATHER

Dr Sara Bluefeather MD FRACP, FAAP, is a graduate of the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Medicine. Sara completed paediatric training at UNM Children's Hospital in 2007, continuing at the faculty as a paediatric hospitalist and associate professor. She was medical director of the General Paediatric Unit for four years prior to moving to Australia. In 2014 Sara and her family relocated to Gladstone, where she was a paediatric consultant. Sara has been a paediatric consultant at Hervey Bay Hospital since 2016. When she is not working, she enjoys the numerous outdoor activities that Hervey Bay offers.



NICOLE BROWN

Nicole is passionate about working with clients to assist in wealth creation and wealth accumulation strategies. Nicole takes the time to understand their goals and motivations to provide them with tailored advice. Working closely with clients to better understand their needs, she draws on years of experience to help clients achieve their goals. Nicole joined the Cutcher & Neale firm in 2004 and is a Partner of the firm. Nicole advises small to medium enterprises as well as specialising in advice for medical professionals. Nicole focuses on a holistic approach, which allows her to manage compliance needs for clients as well as personal risk, wealth management, superannuation and finance needs.



DR KIM GIDALL

Dr Kim Gidall is a General Practitioner in Bundaberg with more than 20 years' experience as a GP, practice owner, sole trader and educator. Kim is The University of Queensland's Primary Care Workforce Lead for the Regional Training Hub Wide Bay and supervises students and RACGP and ACRRM registrars. She is also Editor for Health Pathway Wide Bay.



AUNTY KAREN HALL

Karen Hall has had a long cultural curriculum career in education throughout Queensland. A number of years ago Karen returned to Country for Healing and has continued in her role supporting community and educators. Karen is also an accomplished artist creating with sensitive consideration for Butchulla imagery and stories and contemporary imagery.



DR EMMA HODGE

Dr Emma Hodge is an enthusiastic medical professional with a medical degree from James Cook University. Passionate about rural and regional medicine, she currently supports the Regional Medical Pathway in Wide Bay through her exciting role as the Medical Education and Wellbeing Principal House Officer, where she is leading a number of medical wellbeing research projects. Emma is an author of multiple textbooks and has almost completed a Master of Public Health, as well as a Master of Human Nutrition. Her passion lies in implementing changes at a systemic level to optimise medical wellbeing and healthcare broadly.





JOSHUA HOLT

Josh Holt is a Credit Advisor within Cutcher & Neale's Finance Division with over a decade of experience in banking, particularly lending, financial crime and software implementation. Josh holds a Certificate IV in Finance and Mortgage Broking and is currently undertaking a Diploma of Finance and Mortgage Broking Management. Josh has experience delivering specialised finance solutions to medical professionals through Cutcher & Neale Finance and its panel of lenders.



DR JOHN INDERHAUG

Dr John Inderhaug is the Director of Clinical Training in the Fraser Coast. With a distinctive Norwegian surname and Irish accent, John graduated from Trinity College Dublin before moving to Australia in 2009. He dual-trained as a GP and FACEM, having spent almost all his training and career in regional Queensland. John is passionate about promoting the lifestyle and endless opportunities you gain by thinking differently, losing the commute and going regional.



DANIELLE JOCUMSEN

Danielle Jocumsen is a registered nurse and a Lecturer of Nursing at the University of Sunshine Coast while completing her PhD in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Sciences at Central Queensland University. Danielle has a special interest in rural and remote and emergency nursing, which initiated the topic for her PhD: *Providing emergency care in rural and remote facilities: what are the needs of non-emergency trained registered nurses new to the environment?* Danielle's aim is to improve emergency care in rural and remote communities.



DR REBECCA LYON

Dr Rebecca Lyon is an RACGP Fellow currently practicing in Toowoomba. She has a strong interest in rural health, complex case management and paediatrics. She is also the head of The University of Queensland's Regional Training Hub Southern Queensland and academic lead of the Toowoomba Regional Clinical Unit, where she enjoys working with students, junior doctors and supervisors to deliver a rewarding and unique clinical learning experience in the Darling Downs.



APRIL MARTIN

April Martin is a Lecturer of Nursing at the University of the Sunshine Coast Fraser Coast Campus. She has experience working in critical care in the United States and Australia. April is a PhD candidate at James Cook University. Her research focuses on technology, specifically the electronic medical record and how it impacts nurses' provision of person-centred care.

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DR PERREA MARTAIN

Prior to starting a career in medicine, Dr Perrea Martain was a pharmacist in NSW, undertaking roles across hospital, community and drug and alcohol services before graduating from UTAS School of Medicine in 2020. She is currently working as a PHO at Hervey Bay Hospital. She enjoys providing safe prescribing tutorials to medical students at The University of Queensland Rural Clinical School and acts a mentor for fellow junior doctors. Perrea is pursuing a career in paediatrics.



SAMANTHA NIND

Samantha Nind has a Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Paramedicine and Master of Health Leadership and Management. Samantha has held senior clinical nursing, leadership, academic and research roles in government, universities and the military. After her graduate nursing program, she was appointed a Nursing Officer in the Australian Defence Force. She's now a reserve Research Nursing Officer while working with The University of Queensland Rural Clinical School, Rockhampton. Samantha is enthusiastic to inspire the next generation of nurses through her role as a casual academic and tutor in the Pathophysiology and Pharmacology units at Central Queensland University. She is an Associate Fellow of the Australasian College of Health Service Managers.



SABRINA MONTALDO

Sabrina Montaldo has been a Flight Nurse with the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) for nearly 5 years and working in emergency departments (EDs) for 12 years. Sabrina provides emergency care to patients of the Wide Bay and also works casually at Bundaberg Hospital ED. She first worked in Hervey Bay Hospital as a registered nurse, where she was trained in emergency nursing in 2011. She worked at Robina Hospital ED while she completed her Masters in Emergency Nursing at Griffith University. In 2017 Sabrina started her Bachelor of Midwifery with Central Queensland University and transferred to the Royal Brisbane ED to achieve her goal of joining the RFDS. While Nurse Educator at Mount Isa RFDS, she completed her Graduate Diploma in Clinical Leadership and her Graduate Certificate in Health and Clinical Education with the University of Southern Queensland, also tutoring for James Cook University.



DR OLIVIA OSMER

Dr Olivia Osmer graduated from medical school in Russia in 2002, working for more than 10 years as a GP in Russia. Olivia began her Australian career in 2021 as junior doctor in Hervey Bay Hospital.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR RIITTA PARTANEN

Associate Professor Riitta Partanen is the Director of The University of Queensland's (UQ) Rural Clinical School, which includes Regional Clinical Units in Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Rockhampton and Toowoomba as well as the Rural and Remote Medicine Clinical Unit, which includes over 50 communities across the southern half of Queensland. Riitta is a specialist GP and continues to be clinically active having already served the community of Maryborough since 1994. She spent 15 years as the inaugural Head of the Hervey Bay Regional Clinical Unit before becoming Director of UQRCS. Riitta is currently a member of the RACGP Doctors for Women in Rural Medicine Committee and the Federation of Rural Australian Medical Educators (FRAME) Policy Group, for which she is FRAME's co-delegate for the National Rural Health Alliance. Riitta has previously served as board member and Chair of the Wide Bay Division of General Practice and member of the RACGP Rural Medical Education Committee.



JO-ANNE RICHARDS

Jo-Anne Richards is a credentialed mental health nurse and authorised mental health practitioner. With a Masters in mental health nursing, Jo-Anne works in the community mental health setting.



DR JENNIFER SCHAFER

Dr Jennifer Schafer is a general practitioner, with experience in medical education, clinical research, medical media and NFP governance. As a self-confessed multitasker, she combines her clinical roles with her work as the Medical Director for Doctors' Health in Qld; Director, Arthritis Qld; Deputy Chair, Brisbane North Primary Health Network; Management Committee, Brisbane Local Medical Association; and Patron for The University of Queensland Medical Society. Qualifications: MBBS, DRANZCOG, FRACGP, GCELead, ExecGradCertBus (LCAM), GAICD, AICGG.



DR AJITH THAMPI

Dr Ajith Thampi is an Emergency Physician at Hervey Bay and Maryborough hospitals. He is: Clinical Lead for the Wide Bay Health District's AMC WBA Program; a member of the AMC IMG Assessment Experiences and Performance Advisory Group; Councillor on ACEM's council of advocacy, practice and partnerships (CAPP); and Senior Lecturer for the Rural Clinical School at The University of Queensland.

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JANELLE VAUGHAN

Janelle Vaughan is a Registered Nurse, with 4 years' experience in an intensive care unit at Hervey Bay Hospital. She also has clinical experience in dementia, surgical and renal wards. Janelle has completed an Intensive Care Transition Program and a Post Graduate Certificate in Critical Care through QUT. For the past 18 months Janelle has been working in primary health care with roles in interventional radiology nursing and general practice nursing. After successfully precepting for student nurses in ICU, Janelle decided to undertake a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment with the intention of training future nurses. She hopes to create a safe space for student nurses to learn and develop their career foundations and her goal is to shift the common phrase of "nurses eat their young", to "nurses nurture their young". Outside of nursing, Janelle enjoys getting immersed in overnight hiking, carrying all the camping gear and food required.



SAMANTHA WALSH

Samantha Walsh started teaching in the tertiary sector in 2010. She holds an ongoing academic position at the University of the Sunshine Coast (UniSC), where she develops and coordinates coursework, including placement courses, from Moreton Bay to Fraser Coast. Samantha is interested in learning and teaching in nursing, tertiary and industry sectors, particularly the development of resources that provide real-life experiences and interprofessional opportunities through multiple educational systems that benefit undergraduate students and the healthcare workforce. Samantha has over 16 years of continuous clinical practice in emergency nursing, specialising in emergency care in regional Queensland. She is a member of the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia, the Australian College of Nursing and the Australia Nursing Teachers Society. As a high degree research candidate, Samantha is enthusiastic about her research topic: Graded Assertiveness and speaking up for patient safety.



DR HENRY WATTER

Dr Henry Watter graduated from The University of Queensland's Medical School in 2019, spending Years 3 and 4 of the MD program at the Hervey Bay Regional Clinical Unit. After his intern year at Hervey Bay Hospital, Henry moved to Perth for a resident year at Fiona Stanley Hospital. He returned to Hervey Bay in 2022 as a General Surgery PHO.



DR EUGENE WONG

Dr Eugene Wong is the Director of Medical Services at Bundaberg Hospital. He is a rural-remote General Practitioner and Rural Generalist with credentials in anaesthesia and retrieval medicine. Eugene has an interest in First Nations health and has worked in multiple locations across Northern Australia. He is also an experienced medical educator.



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A unique university and hospital partnership is set to prepare and launch aspiring doctors into their future medical career, in regional Queensland.

The first students commenced in the Wide Bay and Central Queensland in 2022 under the new Regional Medical Pathway – formalised in 2021 between CQUniversity, The University of Queensland, and Wide Bay and Central Queensland Hospital and Health Services.

Designed for school leavers, students will complete a three-year Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) course with CQUniversity, before moving into UQ's four-year Doctor of Medicine program.

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service Chief Executive Debbie Carroll said the partnership offered a game-changing approach to medical training.

“The pathway will improve access for regionally based students and will ensure more doctors are trained regionally – and importantly, stay regionally once they enter the profession.” Ms Carroll said.

Director of Medical Academic Development Professor Alan Sandford said the pathway would also help address the difficulties in attracting and retaining doctors in regional, remote and rural areas.

“Medical workforce shortages exist in regional areas across Australia and around the globe. I'm confident this partnership will help us to improve medical workforce sustainability and, in turn, health outcomes for patients in our regions, plus provide rich careers for Doctors working in the region.” Prof Sandford said.

As part of the partnership, WBHHS will provide students with practical learning opportunities through placements, internship opportunities

and postgraduate training places within the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service including Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough and rural facilities.

Applications for entry into the CQUniversity Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) course are now open. In addition to general admission, there will also be a pathway available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Upon successful completion of the course within three years, and with a Grade Point Average of 5.0 or more, students will gain direct entry into UQ's Doctor of Medicine program from 2025.

For more information about the CQUniversity Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) please visit www.cqu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-medical-science-pathway-to-medicine.

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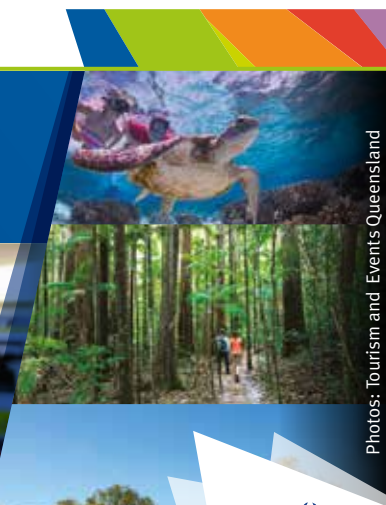
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Hervey Bay Surgical Hospital opened in February 2006, providing the Wide Bay Burnett community with an alternative Private Health facility for surgical and diagnostic procedures and attracting new specialists to the area. The hospital provides two operating theatres, a procedure room and consulting rooms for local and visiting specialist.

Hervey Bay Surgical Hospital is a Private Surgical Hospital specialising in;

- Orthopaedic surgery
- Ophthalmic surgery
- General surgery
- Urology surgery
- Gastroenterology procedures



Our Surgical Ward

We have 8 in-patient beds, consisting of single and double rooms for our patients who require more than just day surgery. Our qualified Nursing staff provide a high standard of care, following clinical care pathways which are in line with best practice principles and guidelines, optimising positive patient outcomes.

We offer clinical placement for medical and nursing students from University and Tafe, providing them with support and learning opportunities for their training and potential future employment.



Our Operating Theatres

Our Visiting Specialist and qualified nursing staff provide optimal care and best possible outcomes for patients having surgery. Our Integrated Theatre Systems brings together control of the operating room and communications into one centralized system. This custom-designed, integrated operating room improves efficiency in the theatre and enhances information for healthcare professionals for better continuity of care for patients.



Sterilizing Department

Our modern Sterilization Department includes the latest technology in the tracking of surgical instruments through the use of tiny barcodes etched onto the surgical instruments. This automated tracking system of surgical instruments and equipment improves infection control monitoring and provides meaningful data for providing continuous improvement and improved clinical outcomes.



PACU

Our Post Anaesthetic Care Unit has 7 bays and as only a short distance from theatre, allowing the Surgeon and Anaesthetist to see the patients easily. Our qualified nursing staff provide close monitoring and specialized care.



Recovery Stage Two

Patients are prepared for discharge home after their day surgery procedure. Patients receive light refreshments and the our nursing staff discuss discharge information about medications and wound care with the patient.



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