

# PH news



## The Hollywood Clinic expands to meet demand

In response to an increase in demand for services, The Hollywood Clinic has expanded with purpose-built facilities designed to offer the best possible mental healthcare to the Western Australian community.

The \$6.9 million project includes a new 30-bed wing, making The

Hollywood Clinic a 70-bed facility.

In addition to the new 30 single rooms with en suite bathrooms, the expansion includes a new dining room with an alfresco area, an additional group therapy room, a patient lounge room, improved staff amenities, and a courtyard with decking.

“Hollywood is pleased to have made a strong commitment to growing our ability to meet this requirement for mental health services. The clinic development allows us not only to care for more patients, but enables us to improve our services and processes to meet patient needs,”

said Peter Mott, Hollywood Private Hospital’s chief executive officer.

The clinic provides treatment and care for a comprehensive range of mental health conditions including anxiety, depression, bi-polar disorder, personality disorders, trauma, eating disorders and alcohol dependency.

## AIHW report looks at private hospital admissions

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) recently released a report, *Australian hospital statistics 2012-13: Private Hospitals* which shows in 2012-13 there were about 3.8 million admissions in private hospitals in Australia, making up 41 per cent of all admissions.

The report can be downloaded from the [aihw.gov.au](http://aihw.gov.au).

## St Andrew’s celebrates 20 years of private emergency care

From small beginnings in 1994, St Andrew’s War Memorial Hospital’s emergency centre has grown to become one of Brisbane’s leading private emergency care providers.

Dr Sean Rothwell, director of St Andrew’s emergency centre, said the centre treats more than 12,000 patients per year for conditions including cardiac, neurological, orthopaedic and surgical emergencies, sports injuries and other urgent conditions.

The emergency centre operates in conjunction with many other specialties at the hospital, including 24-hour access to intensive care, radiology, interventional cardiology, vascular surgery, internal medicine and



### Dr Maree Whitchurch baked the anniversary cake

general surgery. The department also provides a strong link between Brisbane’s sporting clubs and the hospital’s numerous orthopaedic surgeons.

Dr Maree Whitchurch, who started working at St Andrew’s

emergency centre in 1997, said the hardworking staff were the reason she had stayed in her role at the hospital.

“Emergency medicine is very much about the team environment, with nurses, doctors, administration and ward staff working closely to ensure safe outcomes for patients. We also have great working relationships with specialists and others outside our department in the hospital,” she said.

To celebrate St Andrew’s emergency centre’s 20th anniversary, Dr Whitchurch, a keen baker, spent almost 24 hours baking and decorating a special eight-kilogram chocolate mud cake. The decadent cake fed more than 200 St Andrew’s staff and incorporated the St Andrew’s tartan theme, as a nod to the hospital’s Scottish heritage.



Claremont Mayor Jock Barker with Bethesda Hospital's Anthony Dias and Sonja Paterson

## Bethesda Hospital recognises staff members' years of service

Two staff members at Bethesda Hospital in Western Australia were recognised for their long service and dedication to the patients of the hospital. Bethesda also hosted a celebration to mark the official opening of the hospital on the Claremont site in 1944, with this year's celebrations marking the 70th year of providing care for the WA community.

Clinical Nurse Sonja Paterson and Patient Care Supervisor Anthony Dias were recognised for 25 and 20 years of service respectively.

Ms Paterson, who has worked in all areas of the hospital, said, "The staff are still as supportive and caring today as when the hospital was much smaller and had fewer patients."

## Health minister: private patients should be treated by private hospitals

Documents released under the Freedom of Information Act recently confirmed federal Health Minister Peter Dutton has stood by his commitment to take states on regarding the issue of private patients in public hospitals saying that his "general opinion is that public hospitals should focus on treating public patients and that where appropriate, private patients should be treated by private hospitals". Full details can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1nMp5YT>.

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## OzHarvest vision a part of Olympus future



Olympus Australia has established a long-term commitment to OzHarvest, the Australian food charity.

OzHarvest was one of the two charities selected by the 310 staff members working for Olympus' medical, industrial and microscopy divisions in Australia.

The first event supported by the company was the Think.Eat.Save event held in July. Some of the nation's top chefs, politicians and celebrities assisted at functions held across Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Newcastle to take a stance against food waste.

Founder and CEO of



**Staff volunteers Michelle Mani, Navin Kumar, Lorraine Fox and Rebecca Palma at Federation Square**  
**Inset photo: Olympus and OzHarvest staff and some of the food served to the 1,300 people in Federation Square**

OzHarvest, Ronni Kahn, said the aim of Think.Eat.Save 2014 was to bring attention to the disturbing amount of food wasted in Australia and around the world, where roughly one third of food produced for human

consumption (approx. 1.3 billion tonnes) gets wasted along the way.

"Our modern day challenge is to create a sustainable food culture that can be shared by all, where we waste less at all levels

of food production and distribution," Ms Kahn said.

Olympus will be participating in regular team building events with OzHarvest, along with the Think.Eat.Save and CEO Cookout events each year.

## Life saving procedure at Lingard Private Hospital

A 40-year-old woman in Newcastle recently became one of the first in Australia to receive a new life changing surgery, when she was implanted with the world's smallest cardio defibrillator at Lingard Private Hospital.

Dr Brad Wilsmore carried out the revolutionary 45-minute procedure on the morning of September 16. The defibrillator,

designed to treat life threatening arrhythmias, is about the size of a watch and less than 10 millimetres thick, and is slipped under the skin on the side of the chest while a small wire passes through a vein into the heart.

The device, which is free and is covered by Medicare, registers if the heart is going fast or slow, charges and shocks after detecting it.

Lingard Private Hospital, a member of the Health Care group, is a 98-bed acute medical and surgical hospital in the Newcastle suburb of Merewether. Lingard's Cardiology Service was established in August 2013, and in the first year of operation has completed over 1,100 procedures. The two cardiac catheterisation labs are supported by a 12-bed coronary care unit

and a six-bed intensive care unit, managed by experienced and dedicated nursing and medical staff.

Karen Gallagher, CEO of Lingard Private Hospital, said the entire hospital team was really excited that Dr Brad Wilsmore performed this mini device procedure, one that can save lives, at Lingard Private Hospital.

## The Wesley Hospital expands its emergency department

The Wesley Hospital has completed a substantial renovation and expansion of its emergency centre, making it the largest private emergency department in Brisbane.

Dr Gavan Doig, director of emergency medicine at The Wesley Hospital, said the growth in demand for emergency services at the hospital had well and truly outstripped the prediction made two decades ago.

“We now have 19 emergency beds including resuscitation, consultation, paediatric and procedure rooms along with the latest state-of-the-art GE patient monitoring equipment,” Dr Doig said.

“The hospital’s substantial investment to increase capacity is about improving the patient and their relatives’ experience in the centre with increased privacy and greater efficiency.”



Dr Gavan Doig

## St Vincent’s Private Hospital Sydney receives first ever ACHS Group Medal

As part of its 40th birthday anniversary celebrations in 2014, the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) announced St Vincent’s Private Hospital (SVPH) Sydney as the winner of its first ever ACHS Group Medal.

“I am delighted to announce SVPH as the winner, as their entry identified a strong, collective contribution by the hospital to improving quality and safety in Australian health services,” said ACHS President Adj Associate



Professor Karen Linegar.

“Congratulations to St Vincent’s Private Hospital Sydney and thank you to all our entries from around Australia, but particularly the other three finalists: Healthscope (VIC), Tasmanian

Health Org – North West (TAS) and North Shore Private Hospital, Sydney (NSW). Each has made an important contribution to improving safety and quality in healthcare in Australia.”

**St Vincent’s Private Hospital Sydney accepts the ACHS Group Medal**