

# Medical matters

The Noosa Hospital Newsletter



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## A note from the Chief Executive Officer



As the new CEO of Noosa Hospital I am pleased to be able to "introduce" myself to you through our first Medical Matters newsletter of 2010. In my first four months at the hospital I have been impressed by the high regard with which our VMOs and staff are held by our patients. I intend to uphold the proud tradition of Noosa Hospital offering excellent health care to the local community and welcome any feedback you may have.

Over the past six months the hospital has invested in excess of \$0.5 million in order to improve and expand our range of services to the local population. Much of this money was spent in the area of ophthalmology. The hospital also invested in new ENT equipment, which has helped to attract a new ENT surgeon to the area. We've spent money on new beds, which have not only improved patient comfort but also resulted in significant WH&S

benefits for staff due to the beds' light-weight structure.

As you will read in this newsletter, our first education evening of the year is scheduled for later this month. I hope to meet many of you there and to be able to introduce myself in person.

Kind regards,

Oli Steele  
Chief Executive Officer  
Noosa Hospital



## GP After Hours Service

With its primary purpose of relieving pressure on the EMC and providing backup to local GPs outside business hours, the Noosa GP After Hours Service is recognised as the largest provider of after hours care on the northern end of the Sunshine Coast.

The service represents a collaborative initiative between local general practitioners, the Sunshine Coast

Division of General Practice and Noosa Hospital, with over 30 doctors currently working on a rotational basis. All pensioners and children are bulk billed. For all other patients there is a modest fee.

**Opening hours are:**  
**Monday to Friday: 6pm – 10pm**  
**Saturday: 12pm – 6pm**  
**Sunday/ Public Holidays: 8am – 6pm**

## GP Education Session

Noosa Hospital's first education evening of 2010 will feature several of our newer VMOs. The format of the evening is a round robin of interactive education sessions which will attract RACGP points.

The evening will be held in the Noosa Hospital Conference Room on Wednesday 30 June, with registration open from 6:30pm for a 7pm start. The evening will finish at 9pm.

**Our presenting VMOs and their topics are:**

Dr David McIntosh – ENT surgeon  
"Interactive ENT update"

Dr Toby Cohen – Vascular Surgeon  
"New Innovations in Vascular Surgery"

Dr James Tunggal – Orthopaedic Surgeon  
"Orthopaedic update"

Dr Andrew Foster/Dr David Lawson  
"Ophthalmology update"

**To register for the evening please call Mary Aveling on 5455 9203.**



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# Medical Advisory Committee 2010/11

The new Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) was elected at the Medical Council AGM held on Monday April 12. The MAC is the peak medical forum for the hospital and we encourage you to utilise the committee to canvass relevant issues via your division's representative – Dr Kenny Corbett.

Dr Allan Smith was re-elected as Chairman and Dr Eric Van Puymbroeck was elected as Deputy Chairman. The other members of the Committee are:

- Chair Division of Medicine – Dr David Henshaw
- Chair Division of Surgery – Dr Andries Ferreira
- Chair Division of Anaesthetics – Dr Gerry Turner
- Chair Division of Emergency Medicine - Dr Eric Van Puymbroeck
- Chair Division of Intensive Care – Dr Peter Garrett
- Medical representative – Dr Sean Butler
- Surgical representative – Dr Peter Winstanley
- Anaesthetic representative – Dr Geoff Cole
- Emergency Medicine representative – Dr Stefan Raubenheimer
- GP representative – Dr Kenny Corbett

## A greater vision

We are delighted to announce that local Ophthalmologists Dr Andrew Foster and Dr David Lawson will be offering ophthalmic surgery at Noosa Hospital from June 2010.

Both highly skilled specialists, Dr Foster and Dr Lawson provide patients with a range of ophthalmic care including cataract surgery, intravitreal therapy for macular degeneration, glaucoma surgery, oculoplastic and paediatric care.

Thanks to new state of the art equipment purchased by Noosa Hospital, local patients will now be able to have micro-incisional cataract surgery without travelling the distance to Kawana or Brisbane.

"The hospital now has the latest phaco machine which is a specialised ultrasound device used for cataract surgery. They've also recently purchased a new operating microscope which allows us to gain a very clear and precise view of the eye during surgery," said Dr Foster.

"Local GPs can refer patients to our clinic and offer them the reassurance that their surgery will take place in Noosa. We make every effort to see urgent referrals on the same day and we are happy to discuss patients over the phone when required," he said.

Dr Foster underwent ophthalmology training in Brisbane and worked in Townsville for five years before moving to the Sunshine Coast. Dr Lawson carried out his medical training in New Zealand and went on to specialise in ophthalmology in Adelaide.

# Specialist Profiles

## Dr David McIntosh

### 1. What is your area of expertise?

I am an ENT Surgeon, specialising in Paediatric ENT as well as sinus and nasal disease.

### 2. What is your medical background?

I began my training with the South Australian Advanced Surgical Training Program and went on to study overseas at the Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland.

I've undertaken extensive research in the field of ENT and completed my PhD thesis on the healing of the nasal lining after sinus surgery. My research has been published in ENT journals

and I've presented on ENT topics at conferences in Australia and abroad.

### 3. How long have you been working in Noosa?

I moved to Noosa a few months ago after spending two years working in Hervey Bay.

### 4. What services do you offer patients?

I offer patients a comprehensive range of ENT services and provide written summaries of surgical findings and post-operative care to all my patients. I also believe it's important to call patients after

surgery to make sure they are satisfied with the results following their procedure.

**Dr David McIntosh is a member of the following professional organisations: Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS); Australian Medical Association (AMA); Aboriginal Indigenous Doctors' Association; Australasian Society of Paediatric Otolaryngology; Australian Rhinological Society.**



## Dr James Tunggal

### 1. What is your area of expertise?

I am an Orthopaedic Surgeon with an interest in arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery including ACL/PCL reconstructions, multi ligament knee reconstructions, chondral transplants, shoulder stabilisation and SLAP and arthroscopic rotator cuff repairs.

### 2. What is your medical background?

I completed my training in Sydney and then undertook fellowship training in Norway at Ullevål University Hospital and Oslo Sports Trauma Research Center in knee and shoulder arthroscopy in 2008. I also

completed training at St Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada in pelvic and lower limb trauma and arthroplasty surgery in 2009.

### 3. What do you like about working at Noosa Hospital?

I began practicing at Noosa Hospital in March 2010 and have been very impressed with what I've seen so far. For a hospital of its size, Noosa Hospital offers an excellent service to patients and I've been particularly impressed with the Physiotherapy Department.

**Dr Tunggal is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Queensland.**



## Charity Corner Beds for Ozcare

Noosa Hospital has a proud history of donating medical equipment to various charities and healthcare facilities. That tradition continued this year with the donation of 40 beds to Ozcare, an aged care facility in Noosa. The hospital has been replacing manual beds with electric models and was glad to be able to donate the functional second hand beds to Ozcare.

Replacing the donated beds are the latest in patient comfort, the Prius model, which many patients have already commented on favourably.

## Volunteers celebrate 10 years!

Back in April 2000 a group of very dedicated and caring individuals formed Noosa Hospital's first Volunteer Group. Ten years on, the organisation has grown to more than 60 volunteers with a long list of locals waiting to join their ranks.

Noosa Hospital honoured its volunteers – past and present – at a special anniversary celebration at the hospital on April 30. Original volunteer committee members attended the event, along with members of the Board of Advice, Executive Committee and local MP Glen Elmes who donated a special Parliamentary bottle of Port as a door prize.

The original volunteers were awarded commemorative plaques and had the pleasurable task of cutting the anniversary cake.



## Visiting Medical Officer Easy Find List Feb 2010



**111 Goodchap St  
Noosa QLD 4566**

**Hospital/general enquiries:**

**07 5455 9200**

**Noosa GP After Hour Service: 07 5447 1481**

**Accident & Emergency Service ..... 07 5455 9381**

**Hospital facsimile ..... 07 5455 9411**

**QML Pathology ..... 07 5444 6244**

**QDI Radiology ..... 07 5430 5200**

**Bed Management ..... 07 5455 9520**

**Allied Health Services ..... 07 5455 9224**

Speciality	Name	Patient Type	Phone	Facsimile
Anaesthetics	Dr Christine Aynsley	Private/Public	5455 9200	5455 9222
	Dr David Bertholini			
	Dr Geoffrey Cole			
	Dr Llewellyn Lloyd			
	Dr John Osborne			
	Dr Peter Tiesenhausen			
	Dr Gerald Turner			
Cardiac Prevention	Dr Tony Neaverson	Private/Public	5474 2053	5474 0876
Clinical Haematology & Medical Oncology	Dr Sybil Kellner	Private	5443 5504	5443 8702
		Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
Critical Care Services	Dr Peter Garrett	Private/Public	0428 560 026	5441 7598
Ear Nose & Throat	Dr Brian O'Reilly Dr David McIntosh	Private	5444 4755	5444 0977
		Private	1300 194 582	5451 0300
Emergency Medicine	Dr Eric Van Puymbroeck	Private/Public	5455 9381	5455 9416
Endoscopy	Dr John Lancaster Dr Samuel (Mel) Pretorius Dr Nikolaus Hammerl Associate Professor Andrew Renaut	Private	5474 4033	5474 4133
		Private	5455 9464	5455 9532
		Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
		Private/Public**	5473 0400	5473 0444
		Private/Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
		Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
General Medicine	Dr Nikolaus Hammerl Dr David Henshaw Dr John Nielsen Dr Sean Butler	Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
		Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
		Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
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General & Laparoscopic Surgery	Dr Ian Curley Dr Michael Donovan Dr John Lancaster Dr Allan Smith  Associate Professor Andrew Renaut	Private	5474 4033	5474 4133
		Private/Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
		Private/Public**	5473 0400	5473 0444
		Private**	5455 9464	5455 9532
		Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
	Private	5474 4511	3831 9377	
Geriatrics	Dr Emily Ahern Dr Sean Butler Dr David Henshaw	Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
		Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
		Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
Gynaecology	Dr Marc Miller Dr Anton Marineanu	Private/Public Public	5455 9216 5455 9216	5455 9455 5455 9455
Hand Surgery	Dr David Chin	Private/Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
Neurosurgery	Dr Martin Wood	Private	3163 2830	3163 2829
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Dr James Lewis Lander Dr James Orford	Private	1800 898 412	3831 0260
		Private	5441 5700	5441 5477
Ophthalmology	Dr David Lawson Dr Andrew Foster	Private	5492 2822	5492 2344
		Private	5492 2822	5492 2344
Orthopaedics	Dr Andries Ferreira Dr Bernard Tamba-Lebbie Dr James Tunggal Dr Peter Winstanley	Private/Public**	5455 9450	5455 9485
		Private/Public**	5455 9216	5455 9455
		Public/Private	5455 9216	5455 9455
		Private	5441 6422	5441 7010
		Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	Professor Gerard Sormann Dr David Chin	Private	5474 5455	5474 5069
		Private/Public	5455 9216	5455 9455
Rehabilitation & Pain Medicine	Dr Peter Georgius	Private	5441 6477	5441 6188
Renal Medicine	Dr Kumar Mahadevan	Private/Public	5455 9214	5455 9486
Respiratory Medicine	Dr Michael Bint	Private	5443 9449	5443 9429
Sunshine Coast Rehabilitation Service	Dr Peter Winstanley	Private/Public	5449 9199	5449 9572
Urogynaecology	Dr James Lewis Lander	Private/Public	1800 898 412	
Urology	Dr Patrick Dunne	Private	3326 3683	3326 3862
Vascular Surgery	Dr Toby Cohen	Private	3839 7566	3832 6283

### Referral Process:

Private Patients: Please direct referrals to the specialist of choice.

"Non-Private Patients": Please direct referrals to the specialist of choice. Appointments are triaged on referral information and clinical urgency.

Note (\*\*) an initial consulting fee may apply.

Where possible, patients should bring x-rays, pathology results, list of medications and details of carer (if relevant) when attending clinics or being admitted to the hospital.

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