

MEDIA RELEASE

Mitcham Private Hospital delivers first-class health services for the community

Mitcham Private Hospital is one of more than 100 private hospitals in Australia supporting a national campaign showcasing the diversity of private hospitals and raising awareness of the quality and timely health care we deliver to our local community.

Throughout this year, hospitals across the country along with our staff, our patients and others, are dispelling the myths and misconceptions that exist about private hospitals while showcasing the essential work we do.

Private hospitals are a vital part of Australia's hospital system – without private hospitals many Australians would not get the care they need when they need it. In any given year, private hospitals admit around 3.1 million patients for care across a network of over 280 private hospitals. Private hospitals provide 40 percent of all hospital treatment in Australia.

"Mitcham Private Hospital is proud of the care we provide and the role we play in our local community," says Linda Edgerton CEO. "The health of the members of our local community is our number one priority."

Some may not know that we provide the local community with:

- Obstetric care
- Surgical services, including orthopaedic, general, gynaecology, urology, plastic, ophthalmology, breast, vascular and faciomaxillary.
- Mental Health services
- Post Natal programs
- Mother Baby Unit
- Acute medical care
- Day surgery and Endoscopy

"Beyond the health of our patients, we also make a strong contribution to our local community in other ways", says Linda Allen, Director Clinical Services. "We support local community clubs and organizations through various sponsorships, host public health information forums and we are a major employer in the local area"

We encourage our local community to support our hospital and Australia's other Private Hospitals by:

- Voicing your support for private hospitals at www.privatehospitals.org.au;
- Becoming a Fan on Facebook and share your story, write on our wall, connect with other fans, upload photos or interesting information.

- Following us on Twitter and see what's happening, and make your own comments.
- Talk with family and friends about private hospitals and encourage them to connect with the campaign.
- Keep in touch through the campaign e-newsletter.

This contribution, big or small, can play a vital role in showing why private hospitals are a valued and essential part of Australia's health system.

For media enquiries:

- Linda Edgerton CEO Mitcham Private Hospital/ Linda Allen DCC on (03) 9210 3226
- For information about Private Hospitals Week or the Valuing Private Hospitals Campaign please contact Lisa Ramshaw on 0413 971 999.

Debunking the myths

Myth: Private Hospitals don't offer everything the public system does.

FACT: Of the total 664 different procedures and treatments offered in Australian public hospitals, private hospitals provide 660 of them including complex surgery such as cardiac surgery. Private hospitals also undertake the majority of in-hospital chemotherapy, the bulk of hospital care for veterans, the majority of hip and knee surgery, psychiatric services, and rehabilitation, as well as gynaecology and obstetrics, eye surgery and much more.

Visit www.privatehospitals.org.au for more facts about the vital role Australia's Private Hospitals play every day.