Profile
Sunshine Coast Local Health and Hospital Network

Network Overview

- Sunshine Coast Local Health and Hospital Network (LHHN) is located in south east Queensland and will extend through coastal and hinterland areas from Caloundra in the south to Gympie in the north.
- The Network will serve a population of around 390,000 people which is forecast to increase to around 480,000 by 2021 (an increase of 23%). The Sunshine Coast contains one of the top three growth areas within Australia, as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, for the 30 year period 1976 – 2006. This level of population growth is reflected in current demand for services.
- Around one sixth of the population within the Network area (17.2%) were born overseas.
- 3.3% of the Network population speak a language other than English at home.
- Indigenous Australians make up 1.5% of the Network’s population – which is 3.5% of Queensland’s total Indigenous Population.
- The Local Government Areas within the Network area are the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Gympie Regional Council.

Facilities and Services

- The Network will include the following Hospital facilities:
  - Caloundra Hospital
  - Gympie Hospital
  - Maleny Memorial Hospital
  - Nambour Hospital
- A comprehensive network of other clinical services will also be provided by the Network, including community health services, mental health services and oral health services.
- Nambour Hospital is currently the largest hospital in the Sunshine Coast Network. It is an acute regional hospital with 398 beds which provides a broad range of specialty services for a population of approximately 340,000 on the Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Region. Construction of a new 96 bed ward block at the hospital was completed in September 2010. 30 of these 96 additional overnight beds, plus 4 special care nursery cots, opened from October 2010 and the remaining beds will come on line from July 2011.
- Gympie Hospital is an 88-bed hospital and a medical unit with specialties in gynaecology; orthopaedics; urological surgery; obstetrics; paediatrics and chemotherapy.
- Caloundra Hospital has 87 beds and offers specialist clinical services in gynaecology, urology, orthopaedics and eye surgery.
- Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital is a rural facility providing primary level services to the southern Sunshine Coast hinterland. The hospital provides medical and nursing care for 16 inpatients. Clinical care is provided for medical and post surgical patients as well as palliative care and post natal care.
- The Network will also operate a residential aged care facility. Glenbrook is a high care 45 bed residential aged care facility situated in Nambour. It was opened in 2010 and is accredited by the Aged Care Standards Agency. Glenbrook comprises a psycho-geriatric unit, a frail aged unit, a secure dementia unit, and 13 transition care beds.
- Expansion of both the range of services and capacity within the Network is planned in recognition of the high level of population growth in the local area. A number of new services will become operational in 2011, including a Cardiac Catheter Lab, Vascular and Endoscopy Procedural Suites and expansion of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Caloundra Hospital.
- A new tertiary hospital – the Sunshine Coast University Hospital - is to be constructed on a greenfield site at Kawana. It will open with 450 beds in 2016 and expand to become 738 bed facility by 2021.
- The majority of residents receive inpatient treatment within the Network, including at Noosa Private Hospital, although there is some flow to Brisbane Hospitals, particularly for tertiary services.
Capacity and Activity

### Annual Network Budget

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<td>(Indicative Range)</td>
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### Number of Clinical Staff

- **Medical**: 383
- **Nursing**: 1,129
- **Health Practitioners/Technical/Professional**: 219

### Number of beds

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<td>Number of beds</td>
<td>398</td>
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### Activity July 2009 - June 2010

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### Information Source

(Queensland Health Hospital Performance Data - Queensland Government Data correct at end March 2011)

(Australian Government – Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)

### Infrastructure and Developments

The new $2.03 billion Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) at Kawana will offer a range of new and expanded services, meaning fewer people having to travel to Brisbane to receive care. It will open with 450 beds in 2016 and expand to a 738 bed facility by 2021.

The SCUH will operate as the central hub within the Network. Services will continue to be provided at Nambour General Hospital, Caloundra Health Service, Gympie Hospital, and Maleny Memorial Hospital.

The SCUH site will also include a Skills, Academic and Research Centre and health related commercial developments in the Kawana Health Innovation Park (KHIP).

Commencing in 2013, the Sunshine Coast LHHN will purchase additional public patient services from the co-located private hospital on the Kawana site.

### Further Information

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