

# Monash Children's Hospital

## NEW HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT

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## Victoria's newest children's hospital gains momentum

**Victoria's south east is one step closer to having their own major tertiary children's hospital with the Victorian Minister for Health, David Davis, announcing the appointment of Baulderstone as the managing contractor for the construction of the hospital.**

Due for completion in late 2016, the impressive 230-bed dedicated children's hospital will be co-located next to Monash Medical Centre. Monash Health's world-class researchers will also bring healthcare breakthroughs to children's bedsides through the new Monash Health Translation Precinct.

The brand new, purpose built children's hospital will ensure many more Victorian children and their families can benefit from world-class specialist paediatric services and will include: 96 acute paediatric inpatient beds, 10 paediatric intensive care unit beds, 64 neonatal care beds, 20 same day medical and surgical beds, 12 same day oncology beds and many more services.

"With this new and exciting hospital, Monash Health will be able to provide expanded services in a child and family centred environment," said Mr Davis.

Construction of the Monash Children's Hospital is expected to commence in mid 2014.

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# The Premier's and Health Minister's message

## We are delighted to be able to update you on the progress of the new Monash Children's Hospital.

Already Australia's third busiest children's hospital, the new facility will be built in the suburb of Clayton, in Melbourne's south east. It will ensure that children living in this rapidly growing corner of Melbourne, as well as those throughout south eastern Victoria, enjoy access to the same world-class tertiary services provided by the newly developed Royal Children's Hospital.

Boulderstone has been appointed as the managing contractor and the government will work closely with design consultants in finalising the design of the new hospital, which will build on Victoria's commitment to quality paediatric services delivered in new facilities.

With this magnificent new hospital, Monash Health will be able to provide expanded services in a child and family centred environment, delivering an extra 60,000 outpatient treatments per year and providing purpose-built day facilities for children. The hospital will also increase

Victoria's neonatal care capacity, with additional cots combined with 34 additional inpatient beds.

In total there will be three new 32-bed paediatric wards, the majority will comprise single rooms with patient and parent accommodation, with play spaces for younger children and activity areas for older children and teens.

There will also be three children's operating theatres and a children's procedure room, as well as medical imaging facilities.

Monash Health will continue to receive neonatal, paediatric and adult patients via helicopter to a dedicated helipad for Monash Medical Centre.

The Victorian Coalition Government is delivering \$4.7 billion worth of health related capital works projects across Victoria.

The Monash Children's Hospital is one of our most exciting, one that will serve Victorian families for decades to come.

**The Hon Dr Denis Napthine MP**  
Premier of Victoria

**The Hon David Davis MP**  
Minister for Health and Ageing



## Timeline



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SCHEMATIC  
DESIGN  
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SEPTEMBER 2013



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LATE 2013





## Welcome to the Monash Children's Hospital

At Monash Health,  
our specialist Monash  
Children's Hospital  
service already receives  
recognition on the world  
stage and has done so  
for many years.

And with the Victorian Government's long-term vision of a holistic tertiary service for all Victorian children, it will soon be our time to shine here at home in Victoria, Australia.

We feel privileged and thrilled to be building a world-class 230-bed hospital which will ensure more children in Victoria's south east will have access to our impressive service close to their homes when they are in need of specialist care.

We have been given a unique opportunity to plan a service from the ground up, incorporating the latest thinking on children's health. Together with the Victorian Government, we are consulting widely and seeking to involve young people and their families in every level of decision-making.

Victoria's new Monash Children's Hospital will be co-located with Monash Medical Centre in Clayton and our new Monash Health Translation Precinct which will bring breakthroughs in health research to our patients.

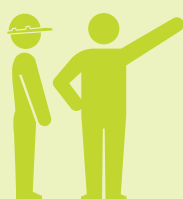
This newsletter will give you a glimpse into one of this State's most exciting and important developments, and also explain how you can be involved.

From philanthropy and fundraising, through to sharing views along the way, we are looking forward to working with the many wonderful communities in the south east of the state.

With your help, the Victorian Government's firm support, and strong community involvement, we will deliver an outstanding new hospital for Victoria's south east.

To keep informed about the Monash Children's Hospital or become involved please visit [www.newchildrenshospital.org](http://www.newchildrenshospital.org)

Shelly Park  
Monash Health Chief Executive



BEGIN  
CONSTRUCTION  
IN **2014**



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**END OF 2016**

# Connecting the community: partnerships for the future

Monash**Health**  
Foundation

Delivering a world-class children's hospital on Melbourne's south east door step is an exciting time for everyone.

The need for the best and accessible paediatric care for our sickest children is ever growing.

The new Monash Children's Hospital is wonderful news for sick children and their families both in the south east of Melbourne and across Victoria.

The Victorian community has a long and proud history of supporting the provision of world leading health care. Monash Children's Hospital is also the very grateful beneficiary of strong and passionate support from – individuals, businesses, schools and community groups who proudly donate and fundraise for the best care, equipment and facilities at their local children's hospital.

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"The new Monash Children's Hospital will continue to deliver world class care, in the new state-of-the-art facility, created by the community for the community."  
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Debbie Shiell  
Director of the Monash  
Health Foundation

The role of the Monash Health Foundation is to bring together the philanthropic community to ensure children and their families have the best health care experience possible.

Our wonderful supporters will help us achieve our vision for Monash Children's Hospital.

If you would like to partner with the Monash Health Foundation for this exciting project and be a part of a world class paediatric health service at your doorstep, please phone us on **(03) 9594 2700** or visit **[www.newchildrenshospital.org](http://www.newchildrenshospital.org)**



LEFT: The second annual Bellevue Philanthropy's Oaks Day Ladies Luncheon in 2013 raised \$35,000 to provide further funding of a play therapist in the Monash Children's Hospital Emergency Department. Head of Educational Play Therapy, Paula Matthews pictured with Aubrey Schneider.

RIGHT: Bailey's Day (charity golf day, auction and luncheon) has raised an incredible \$1.6 million over the past nine years and funded the position of 11 Oncology Fellows for Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre. 'Bailey's Day' is named after Bailey, Kerryn and Patrick Tessier's son who died of a brain tumour in 2004. Patrick Tessier pictured with his wife Kerryn Tessier and Children's Cancer Centre patient, William Rear at Bailey's Day 2012.



# Our story

## We are all in this together

**Claire Seymour could not get rid of the voice in her head that kept telling her something was wrong with her toddler Mia. This turned out to be a startling case of mother's instinct.**

Claire noticed Mia, then 18 months, and normally a happy, easygoing and relaxed child, was quite clingy and a little unsteady on her feet.

Despite treatment with antibiotics, Mia seemed to be getting worse, screaming for no apparent reason and not wanting to walk, she would often sit on the ground crying and would not let her mum out of her sight. Claire could not get rid of the nagging feeling that something was wrong.

After consulting a paediatrician at Monash Medical Centre, an MRI was booked for Mia that same day.

For Claire, receiving the news that her little girl had a Grade 2 malignant Ependymoma (brain tumour) and then having to break the news to her husband Brett over the phone (he was at home with their two young boys) was absolutely heartbreaking.

Mia was in theatre that very night to drain some of the fluid around her brain and she had the first of two major surgeries on her brain to remove the tumour.

From first admission, Mia spent six weeks in hospital – this included major surgery, several lumbar punctures, insertion of a port and a round of chemotherapy.

Mia is now undergoing 33 doses of radiotherapy and while her prognosis is still unknown, the Seymour family are hopeful of a good long-term outcome.

Inspired by her daughter's battle and deeply grateful for the support and care that the family have received at Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre and at Monash Children's Hospital ward 42North, Claire put together a wonderful fundraiser.



Mia Seymour at Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre.

### Our Story – From Claire Seymour

*When we tell people our story they often feel sadness for us, and yes I guess it is pretty sad, but we do not look at the situation we are in and feel that we are alone, as with all the amazing support and strength of the teams of staff at Monash Children's Hospital we know that we will never be alone.*

*We also do not look at this and say "why us?", "why our Mia?" we look at the situation and say "it is us", and we need to pass our story on to others for them to see that no matter how bleak your situation is there are fantastic people out*

*there who are more than willing to do anything for you, and also we remind ourselves that what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger!*

*I believe that I am a better person from this experience and it's all because of the help, support, encouragement and care that we have received from the amazing staff at Monash Children's Hospital.*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

*Much love to you all.*

# From the Medical Director and Nursing Director

**We are extremely pleased with the Victorian Government's announcement to fund the new Monash Children's Hospital. Our new state of the art facility will be based at Monash Medical Centre and include 230 beds to provide greater capacity to care.**

This will enable us to better provide our services to not only the children of the south east of Melbourne, Gippsland and the Mornington Peninsula and throughout Victoria, in a purpose built child and family friendly facility.

The need to expand our services has never been greater. Currently Monash Children's Hospital is Australia's third largest children's hospital. Last year 32,000 children were admitted for care, 55,000 were treated in an emergency department and tens of thousands were treated as outpatients.

The new hospital will allow improvements in our models of care and a focus for undergraduate and post graduate education, and translational research.

I wish to thank everyone for the enthusiastic support we have received in the planning of the new facility. There are exciting and challenging times ahead as we complete the planning and move to towards commissioning and relocating our services to the new hospital.

**Professor Nick Freezer**  
Monash Children's Hospital  
Medical Director

**Kym Forrest**  
Monash Children's Hospital  
Nursing Director

## A proud history of caring for children

From our 19th century origins in the Queen Victoria Hospital for Women and Children and at Prince Henry's Hospital in Melbourne, the health and well being of children has been a priority for our organisation.

Ever since its earliest days in the 1890s, the Queen Victoria Hospital cared for children. Established close to some of the poorest parts of Melbourne, the hospital provided treatment and care for the most vulnerable young Victorians.

Prince Henry's Hospital in Melbourne cared for children from 1910 until 1978, following a major rationalisation of children's health services across Victoria.

Over the decades, our children's services continued to grow and develop, until the 1960s when the Queen Victoria became affiliated with Monash University as a paediatric teaching hospital.

Our services have always changed to meet changing community demands.

A children's ward was established at Dandenong Hospital in 1955, and in 1987 Monash Medical Centre opened in Clayton with comprehensive children's services as part of the larger relocation of the Queen Victoria Medical Centre and Prince Henry's Hospital that formed Monash Medical Centre.

In 2005, our newest children's services opened at Casey Hospital.

The new hospital is the next chapter in helping us to meet the needs of the young families moving to the rapid growth areas of south eastern and outer metropolitan Melbourne.





# Our vision

Over the years there have been great improvements in the health status of children, particularly for those suffering from chronic or complex medical conditions.

An outcome of this is that whilst children are living longer they are inevitably requiring ongoing specialist tertiary-level medical care.

The new Monash Children's Hospital will be a state-of-the art hospital dedicated to providing world's best specialist tertiary care for children in a facility that supports the child and their family in an environment enhanced by clinical excellence and academic and research achievement.

The best care, in the best facility as close to home as possible.

It will enable enhanced access to tertiary paediatric services. It will support the delivery of child and family centred through a purpose-built facility that caters for children. It is essential in continuing to provide the best paediatric services possible.

The development of Monash Children's Hospital will provide a separate, unique hospital focused on the delivery of care for newborn and children through to adolescents.

Monash Children's Hospital will provide the full range of services and enhanced co-ordination using information and communications technologies that enable integration and exchange of authorised information and the streamlining of care.

It is what families in our communities deserve and we committed to providing nothing less than the best.



# A community focus

Monash Health is engaging families, carers and the community in planning for the new Monash Children's Hospital.

A consumer advisory panel has been established for the new Monash Children's Hospital. The advisory panel meets monthly and to date, the consumers have been engaged in the clinical planning teams to assist with planning for schematic design and will continue their involvement as we move into detailed design.

The consumers are currently working with the project team on a number of clinical operational components, including a food service model for the new hospital and model of care principles and opportunities that are child and family friendly.

The panel is providing valuable insight and feedback into opportunities for the new hospital that will support our key guiding objectives.

*"A variety of exciting consumer participation opportunities will be available throughout the planning processes, and we invite consumers to be involved, either through larger committees, consumer panels or focus groups," said Rebecca Edwards, Consumer Participation Coordinator Monash Health.*



For more information on consumer focus groups contact **Rebecca Edwards**, Consumer Participation Coordinator Monash Health, at [rebecca.edwards@monashhealth.org](mailto:rebecca.edwards@monashhealth.org)

From left to right:

Professor Nick Freezer, Medical Director of Monash Children's Hospital;  
Kym Forrest, Monash Health's Director of the Monash Children's Hospital  
Project and Nursing Director; Brian Stevenson, Director of Capital Planning  
and Infrastructure; and Karen Green, Project Manager.



## Meet the team

**Kym Forrest, Director of the Monash Children's Hospital Project and Brian Stevenson, Director of Capital Planning and Infrastructure, lead a team of project managers conducting the detailed planning of the new Monash Children's Hospital.**

They work in partnership with the Department of Health's Project Director Liz Maddison and Project Manager Fiona McKerrow in guiding the project.

As plans for the new hospital develop, consumer involvement will be key to informing decisions made about the hospital design, content and themes.

Together with consumers and key stakeholders, Monash Health will build a children's hospital reflective of the needs of our community and of our staff. The functional brief for the project has been completed.

*"Our team is very excited to be moving forward with this fantastic project that will make such a difference to the paediatric services available to families in Victoria," said Brian.*

*"We look forward to working with a multitude of different planning teams, local and state governments, focus groups and more over the coming years."*

## How to be involved

**We're looking forward to working with the community as our new hospital takes shape.**

Our new website will provide news and information about the project and provide you with an opportunity to subscribe to updates.

Over time it will also include:

- **What's new:** updates and announcements
- **Art and design:** plans, designs, and photos
- **In the media:** media coverage about our new hospital development
- **Get involved:** opportunities for the community to get involved
- **Contact us:** who best to call with your enquiry
- **Support us:** how you can get on board in supporting Monash Children's Hospital



**Watch this space and stay tuned for more exciting developments at Monash Children's Hospital. To subscribe to project updates, visit [www.newchildrenshospital.org](http://www.newchildrenshospital.org)**