

# Fast Facts Modbury Hospital

Modbury Hospital is a 174-bed, acute care teaching hospital that provides inpatient, outpatient and emergency services to a population of nearly 200,000 people living primarily in Adelaide's north-eastern suburbs.

Modbury Hospital opened in 1973, with the Education Centre built in 1979, followed by the Woodleigh House Adult mental health unit in 1980. In 1995, Modbury Hospital management was transferred from public sector management to the private organisation Healthscope, and was later returned to public sector management on 1 July 2007.

Committed to working in collaboration and partnership, Modbury Hospital is affiliated with the University of Adelaide and enjoys a close relationship with the general practitioners in its catchment area. The hospital provides a range of general medicine and general surgery services and has a specific focus on rehabilitation, older persons and palliative care service. The hospital is rapidly moving towards the goal of the SA Health Care Plan, which incorporates increasing surgical throughput. The hospital also provides outpatient and Emergency Department services.

On 1 July 2011, Modbury Hospital became part of the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN). By 2016 NALHN, which also includes Lyell McEwin Hospital, will service almost half a million South Australians and currently employs in excess of 3,700 staff that provide high quality patient care, education and research.

## In 2011-12 financial year, Modbury Hospital...

- > employed 851 staff
- > recruited 19 new interns
- > attended to approximately 36,000 patients in the emergency department
- > performed 4,921 surgical procedures
- > admitted 17,277 patients with an average length of stay of 4.7 days
- > provided outpatient services to 62,872 patients.



## Our leaders

Modbury Hospital Site  
Coordinator and Director,  
of Nursing – Ms Catherine  
McKenna



NALHN Executive Director  
of Medical Service –  
Dr Conrad Wareham

NALHN Executive Director, Nursing & Midwifery  
and Clinical Governance Service –  
Ms Vanessa Owen

NALHN Divisional Directors:

Woman and Children's Division – Professor  
Gus Dekker (Medical) and Ms Meredith Hobbs  
(Nursing)

Aged Care, Rehabilitation & Palliative Care  
– Dr John Maddison (Medical) and Ms Karen  
Puvogel (Nursing)

Critical Care – Dr Hendrika Meyer (Medical)  
and Ms Cathy Hodby (Nursing)

Surgical Specialties & Anaesthetics –  
Dr Greg Otto (Acting Medical) and Ms Heather  
Saunders (Nursing)

Medical Sub-Specialities – Dr Elaine Pretorius  
(Medical) and Mr Damien Heffernan (Nursing).

## The changing face of Modbury Hospital

Under South Australia's Health Care Plan  
2007-2016 Modbury Hospital has recently  
become one of three general hospitals in  
metropolitan Adelaide.

Through its close ties with Lyell McEwin Hospital,  
Modbury Hospital is focussed on general  
medicine and general surgery, with a specific  
focus on rehabilitation, aged care and palliative  
care services for all northern clients

A Geriatric Evaluation and Management service  
was established in March 2009, a specialist  
rehabilitation service has been established and  
the palliative care ward has been expanded to  
a fully integrated inpatient and community-based  
care for all northern clients



The Modbury Hospital emergency department is undergoing a \$17.4m redevelopment that will increase the number of treatment and assessment spaces from 23 to 40.

The redeveloped department will include two upgraded resuscitation areas, three new rapid assessment bays, a new low stimulation area away from the rest of ED, new isolation, gynaecology, plaster and interview rooms.

Modbury Hospital continues to move towards a high-volume elective surgery site, increasing its capacity for high-throughput, low complexity surgery, which will further reduce elective surgery waiting lists in the north-eastern and northern suburbs of Adelaide.

#### Speciality services at Modbury Hospital include:

- > Acute assessment unit
- > Cardiology outpatients
- > Diagnostic imaging
- > Ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery
- > Emergency medicine
- > Gastroenterology
- > General medicine
- > General surgery
- > Geriatric evaluation and management
- > Gynaecology
- > High Dependency Unit/Critical Care Unit
- > Hospice and palliative care services
- > IMVS
- > Neurology
- > Orthopaedics
- > Paediatric short stay
- > Plastic surgery
- > Rheumatology
- > Urology
- > Woodleigh House – Mental Health Unit.

#### Did you know?

The GP Plus Super Clinic Modbury is located a short walk from Modbury Hospital. The Super Clinic operates from two sites: 77 Smart Road Modbury and Gilles Crescent, Hillcrest. The Smart Road site includes general practice, allied health and dental services as well as medical education and teaching facilities. The Gilles Crescent site supports chronic disease management and delivers health services for children and families with special focus on the local Aboriginal, refugee and socially disadvantaged communities.

The hospital's volunteer service works in partnership with hospital staff and departments for the benefit of both parties and the wide hospital community. More than 200 volunteers provide comfort, support, companionship and assistance to both community-based and hospital patients and their families.

Woodleigh House is a 20-bed, acute-care mental health facility for adults, located on site at Modbury Hospital.

#### Visiting Hours

Visiting hours are from 11am to 8pm daily in most wards.

Patient rest period is from 1pm to 3pm. During these hours limited visiting only, to be negotiated with staff.



#### For more information

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