

**Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Trust (QEIMC Trust) Newsletter!**

Our aim is to advise you of future events and development, report on current events and development and encourage you to share your stories and experiences with us and other tenants and stakeholders on the QEIMC Campus.

The shape and structure of the newer campus buildings promote excellence for health care, research and education. In addition to newer structures such as the Harry Perkins Institute, the PathWest Building, along with the Western Power Substation and the Multi-Deck Car Park, we are looking forward to the completion of the advanced work on the New Children's Hospital and the Neuroscience Research Facility.

This year the QEIMC Trust's Strategic Planning focus remains on campus planning and working towards long term sustainability and sound governance. An integrated approach and consistency with the Site Master Plan, Urban Design Guidelines and the Landscape Master Plan will support the aspiration of the diverse community of health care, research and teaching on the Campus.

We welcome stakeholder input and participation, so if you have any items or comments, please contact us via our Web Site and we will be happy to discuss inclusion in our next addition.

Have a look at the QEIMC Trust Annual Report 2014/15 [here](#).

**Redevelopment****Link bridge installation complete**

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the recent installation of the bridge over Hospital Ave, linking Perth Children's Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. The construction took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015, with partial closures of Hospital Ave. Issues with access to buildings and car parks, traffic flow, and public transport were successfully mitigated by a thorough traffic management plan and the installation of a temporary bus stop on Winthrop Ave.

**Ronald McDonald House is open**

Construction of the new Ronald McDonald House at the QEIMC is complete and was officially opened on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The RMH will provide free accommodation to rural families with children who will be undergoing treatment at the new Perth Children's Hospital. The close proximity of these two developments, both on the QEIMC campus, will help to alleviate some of the stress experienced by families travelling to an unfamiliar city to access vital medical facilities and care.

*Left: The completed Ronald McDonald House*

**Gardens and Grounds****L, M & N blocks garden progress**

The beautiful, new, Aboriginal-inspired garden between L and M blocks acted as venue for the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital celebration of National Reconciliation Week in May 2015. Guests enjoyed a walking tour of the garden, as well as hearing a presentation from guest speaker Sharon Bushby from the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia and music from Aboriginal singer Delta Oui, accompanied on guitar by Aaron Indich.

The design of the garden was inspired by the Noongar seasons and the traditional quest for food and shelter. The Noongar year has six seasons - Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang. Ideas of the traditional native bush foods and seasonal landscape characteristics were incorporated in artwork design, and in the selection of native, drought tolerant plants. Work on the final new garden in this area has commenced and is expected to be completed in early January.

*Right: A section of the newly completed garden.*



## Parking

### Boom gate access to Visitor Car Park 7

Boom gates were installed in October at the entrance and exit points of Visitor Car Park 7. These have been implemented to ensure consistency across QEIIIMC car parks in order to increase user-friendliness. The boom gate ticketing system is expected to streamline and simplify the parking payment process.

### New bays

Several new parking bays will be marked at the rear of the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research in December.

### Fines Enforcement Portal

The new Fines Enforcement Portal (run by Department of the Attorney General) has gone live this week. It will allow the QEIIIMC Parking Department to more easily monitor payments, receive direct debits and to lodge or withdraw infringement notices online.

## TravelSmart

### Active Commuter Breakfast 2015

Thank you to everyone who attended the TravelSmart QEIIIMC Active Commuter Breakfast on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, which was a great success. While tucking into a delicious breakfast and winning some great prizes, attendees also had the opportunity to hear two fantastic presentations from guest speakers.

Rob Frith from the WA Historical Cycle Club provided a brilliant insight into a diverse range of historically significant bicycles from as early as the mid-19th Century. Rob's presentation left attendees exceptionally grateful for some of the recent advancements in bike seat comfort and braking capabilities.

The audience was also fortunate to hear from John Fitzgerald from the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. John recently took part in the 2 day, 200km, 2015 MACA Ride to Conquer Cancer and explained the incredible impact the event has in fundraising for cancer research at the Perkins Institute; over \$19.5 million since 2012.



John also talked to attendees about the upcoming Weekend to End Women's Cancers, encouraging them to take part in a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness and money for cancer research at the Perkins Institute. The event is scheduled to be held on 2-3 of April 2016 and involves walking a massive 60kms with other enthusiastic, supportive participants. More information can be found at: [www.endcancer.org.au](http://www.endcancer.org.au)

*Above:* Some of the food that was available at the 2015 Active Commuter Breakfast.

*Right:* John Fitzgerald from the Harry Perkins Institute for Medical Research explains the scope of the recent Ride to Conquer Cancer to breakfast attendees.



## Important Notices



### Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the QEIIIMC campus

The QEIIIMC Trust is committed to maintaining a smoke-free environment and thanks all tenants and stakeholders for their continued support in communicating this message to staff, patients, visitors, students and contractors.

While the smoke-free ban is applied across the entire Medical Centre, it is unfortunately being ignored in certain areas including the G Block 5<sup>th</sup> Floor courtyard and areas on Winthrop Ave and Hospital Ave, compromising the health and comfort of all others onsite. Please be reminded that smoking anywhere at the QEIIIMC is not permitted, under Smoke Free WA Health System Policy, or under the *Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (Delegated Site) By-laws 1986*.

Anyone found contravening the By-laws is committing an offense and may be issued with a \$50 infringement notice.

### Smoke Free Committee

The Smoke Free Committee will be reconvened in 2016 in order to improve communication with tenants regarding smoking issues onsite and to help brainstorm and implement possible solutions.