

QEIIMC News

Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Trust Newsletter

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Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Updates

The Kids' Bridge (Koolangka Bridge) now open!

Above photo courtesy of Main Roads.

The Kids' Bridge, or Koolangka ('children' in the Noongar language) Bridge, was officially opened on 4 August 2021 when Premier Mark McGowan and State Government Ministers were joined by representatives from the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation to walk over the bridge for the first time.

The footbridge will provide opportunities for certain medical therapies to take place in Kings Park while also allowing patients, visitors and staff of the QEIIMC to easily access and enjoy the benefits of nature.

Painted with cheerful bright colours, the three-metre-wide, 217 metre-long Kids' Bridge has also has a programmable lighting feature.

We thank all campus users for their patience during the six month construction period. Main Roads managed the construction of the project in collaboration with Perth Children's Hospital Foundation, Child and Adolescent Health Service, City of Perth and with support and feedback from stakeholders including the QEIIMC Trust and the Botanic Gardens and Park Authority. Main Roads will manage and maintain the Bridge.



Hand sanitiser station installation

Have you noticed something new pop up in the Greenspace? A Hand sanitising station has been installed to give visitors and staff the opportunity to conveniently sanitise their hands as they make their way in or out of the hospital. Keep an eye out for the beautiful Kevin Bynder artwork featured and give it a whirl!



Six Seasons Signs

The Six Seasons Garden (located in the courtyard between Block M, N and L) was designed to celebrate the six seasons observed in Noongar culture.

The Trust recently partnered with Nani Creative to design interpretive signage about the Noongar six seasons.

Sevens signs have been recently installed in the courtyard to inform and educate staff and visitors how the Noongar people hunted and gathered food according to the six seasons.

The new signs offer the perfect excuse to visit the garden and learn more about Noongar people's connection to nature, including how the seasons led them to understand when and what to hunt, when animals were breeding, when the rain was coming and when to find shelter.



Events in the common areas of QEIIMC

The QEIIMC Trust team is preparing to welcome development and redevelopment works around the Campus from early 2022.

It is anticipated that there will be an increase in necessary works disruptions in Campus common areas during 2022. Unfortunately, we anticipate that it will not be possible to approve Common Area events during these future development project works phases.

If you wish to speak to someone about your proposed event in a common area on the QEIIMC Campus, please call (08) 6457 6016 and the Trust will be happy to have a conversation with you.

Annual Report

The 2020/21 QEIIMC Trust Annual Report can be viewed on the QEIIMC Website by clicking here.

The website also hosts previous Annual Reports and all editions of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

FIRE HAZARD REMINDER: smoking is not permitted <u>anywhere</u> on the QEIIMC campus.

Cigarette butts can quickly ignite garden mulch and bins. As we move into our warmer months, the hot, dry Perth weather means that one careless action can quickly put everyone on campus at risk.

Smoking is prohibited at QEIIMC and butts must be disposed of responsibly for the safety and wellbeing of all of our staff, patients and visitors.

The <u>QEIIMC Smoke Free Policy</u> includes all car parks and all external perimeters of buildings, including on Winthrop Avenue.

