



“ There were 733 Health and Wellbeing businesses in Toowoomba in 2015, up from 622 in 2011. Toowoomba Regional Council's March 2017 economic profile ”

## Health and Allied Services

**Toowoomba boasts three state-of-the-art hospitals, St Vincent's Private Hospital, St Andrew's Toowoomba Hospital and Toowoomba Hospital. All three are expanding their services and centres in 2017, with a spend of about \$65 million.**

Toowoomba Regional Council's March 2017 economic profile showed Health Care and Social Assistance was the largest employer in Toowoomba Region, employing around 10,743 people in 2015.

About 14.5% of all jobs are within the health care and social assistance industry, well above the Queensland benchmark of 12.2%.

St Vincent's Private will spend \$30 million on six new operating theatres, St Andrew's Toowoomba Hospital has invested in expanding its medical services, and Toowoomba Hospital is set to expand its services with more than \$27.5 million in infrastructure projects.

St Andrew's Toowoomba added two additional operating theatres and doubled the size of its Recovery Ward. It has also built several new medical suites to accommodate the ever-increasing team of Medical Specialists.

The hospital also has plans to enlarge the waiting area for the Surgical

Admissions, with provision for a third endoscopy room. Plans are also in the final stages for a new Mental Health Unit (MHU) currently under consideration.

The Surgical Admissions Area (SAA) build will cost about \$2.4 million, with the new MHU to cost about \$6 million. Construction of the SAA is expected to be complete by September, with work on the new MHU to begin shortly after.

Another recent success for the hospital was the first gynaecology robotic assisted surgery last week, first in regional Australia.

St Vincent's Private Hospital is ahead of schedule on the \$30 million Clive Berghofer Theatre Suite – a major redevelopment project that will add six new state-of-the-art operating theatres including a hybrid theatre, a 16-bed recovery area and a new day surgery unit as well as a new kitchen.

The new theatres are named after Toowoomba philanthropist Clive Berghofer who donated \$5 million



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towards the project.

As well as the major hospitals, Toowoomba offers a range of aged care facilities, retirement resorts and allied services to assist the aging population in the region.

Medical and dental services, chiropractors, dieticians, physiotherapists, psychologists and plastic surgeons can all be found in the region.

**Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service is set to undergo a wide range of Toowoomba Hospital projects this year:**

**\$2.7m**

to build the seventh general operating theatre

**\$9.76m**

Toowoomba Hospital Kitchen Project

**\$4m**

upgrade to Renal Unit

**\$7.498m**

construction works and procurement of Medical Resonance Imaging (MRI)

**\$3m**

Toowoomba Hospital Emergency Department upgrade



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