

Celebrating the official opening of newly refurbished Palliative Care spaces, made possible through Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital partners and supporters.



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Local Impact Report

Raising comfort, connection and dignity

In a powerful show of community generosity, a major milestone has been reached in the refurbishment of Redcliffe Hospital's Palliative Care Unit, with the lounge, garden courtyard and children's play area now officially open.

Among those attending the opening was local resident and Patient Family Ambassador Karen Wilson, who said the transformed spaces will provide comfort, connection and dignity for families facing life's most difficult moments – just as her own family experienced 25 years ago.

As our community celebrates the most successful Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital Giving Day in its six-year history, Karen has shared her gratitude for the care her father Derek received in the Palliative Care Unit and the difference community support continues to make for local families.

"Like so many families, we entered the world of palliative care with uncertainty, fear and grief," Karen said.

"But what we found here was something extraordinary. Not just a place with walls and equipment, but one where kindness, compassion, dignity and respect truly matter."

Twenty-five years ago, Karen said goodbye to her father Derek in the Palliative Care Unit after his battle with cancer. The compassion and care shown to her family during that difficult time left a lasting impression and inspired her to support the refurbishment project in honour of her father's memory, helping create a lasting legacy for future patients and families.

"Dad always loved his garden. Some of my most special memories are sitting outside together, sharing stories and laughter," she said.



"These spaces matter more than words can express. They provide comfort, connection and a sense of calm when families need it most."

Today, thanks to the generosity of Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital supporters, families can spend precious time together in welcoming spaces designed to feel less like a hospital and more like home during an incredibly challenging chapter of life.

"When a community comes together through kindness, donations or simply showing up, extraordinary things become possible," Karen said.

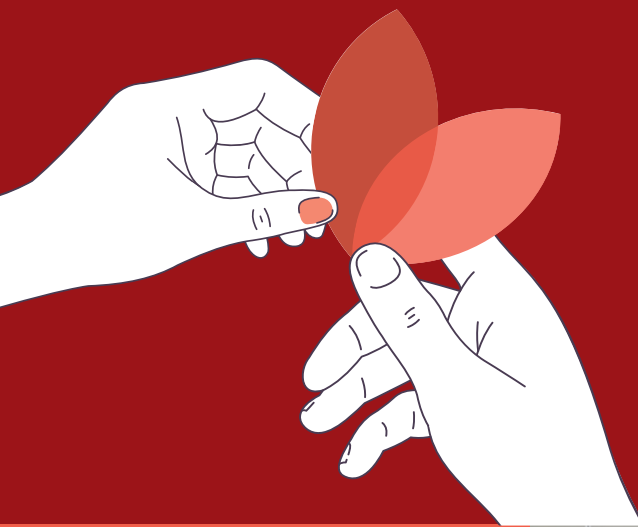
Your generosity is helping raise comfort, raise connection and raise dignity for patients and families across our community – making a meaningful difference today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

(Left) Karen Wilson in the Palliative Care garden, a place of comfort and connection for patients and families. (Right) The newly refurbished courtyard and children's play area will help bring families together and create cherished memories.

“ Your generosity shows what's possible when a community comes together with purpose. Through Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital, you help raise comfort, research and wellbeing for patients and families across your community. Thank you for helping to create local impact that changes lives. ”

Simone Garske | CEO, RBWH Foundation





Your generosity continues to help transform the experience for patients and families at Redcliffe Hospital every day.

From research to refurbishments, equipment to connecting loved ones, your donations through Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital help raise comfort, research and wellbeing across our community.

Here's a snapshot of what you've helped achieve over the past six years...

85+

Hospital projects funded

including 3 Palliative Care refurbishment projects completed.



Nurse-led study

paves the way for safer, calmer dementia care.



12+

Research Grants

to support research internships, improve the hospital experience for patients and find better ways to support families.

More than
\$1.7m
raised

in donations, grants and gifts-in-kind.



2600+
toys distributed

across the Paediatric Emergency Department, Children's Ward, Maternity/Neonatal Unit, Child Protection Unit and Social Work, thanks to the generous support of Impact Partner Lewis Land.



30

Special Grants

to help babies, children and families.



36

Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital Wishlist Grants awarded

to help patients of all ages across the hospital.



6

Wellbeing Grants

to support nurses, doctors and other hospital staff.



65+

Volunteers and Community Fundraisers.

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Zouki Café and Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital partnership launch.

Brewing everyday impact

Zouki Café has partnered with Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital through a simple but powerful initiative that turns every coffee into community impact.

Ten cents from every coffee sold at Zouki Café & Terrace at Redcliffe Hospital is donated to Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital. Since launching this year, the partnership has already raised more than \$6,000, showing how small contributions made every day can create a lasting difference across our community.

Celebrating 6 years of Giving Day impact

You helped raise an outstanding \$226,470 through this year's Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital Giving Day, supporting local patients and families.

The record-breaking result, the largest in the six-year history of Giving Day, was driven by your community spirit and generosity, hospital-wide engagement, a live broadcast from 99.7 Bridge FM and donations doubled by Impact Partners.

This year's Giving Day also honoured the late Ray Kerr, former Station Manager of 99.7 Bridge FM, whose vision helped establish the original radiothon and shape Giving Day into what it is today.



Ray Kerr's daughters cut the ribbon to launch Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital Giving Day alongside Impact Partners, hospital leaders and community supporters.

Raising comfort and joy for Redcliffe Hospital's youngest patients

With one simple act of generosity, early childhood education provider Sesame Lane Care & Kindergarten has helped transform Redcliffe Hospital's Paediatric Unit into a brighter, more welcoming space for children and families.



Thanks to their \$10,000 donation and additional community support, the parents' lounge and playroom has been refreshed into an engaging space that brings a little more fun and 'normality' to the children receiving care and the loved ones at their bedside.

For local families, the impact has been immediate and deeply felt.

"Any hospital stay - whether short or long-term - can be stressful for the entire family," said parent Julia Mika, mother of Lewis. "Having access to thoughtfully upgraded spaces such as this offers small but meaningful touches of home within an otherwise clinical environment."

"These comforts can mean the world to families already navigating the emotional and physical strain of a hospital stay with their child."

The upgraded space now features new play equipment, cabinetry, toys, soft furnishings and beanbags.

For Sesame Lane, the donation reflects a commitment to supporting local families and early childhood wellbeing across the North Brisbane community.

"As an organisation dedicated to early learning and childhood development, we saw an opportunity to make a meaningful impact," said Kerri Smith, Head of Sesame Lane.

"Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital gave us the opportunity to support a project that brings comfort, happiness and hope to families and children when they need it most."

Before (top) and after: Julia Mika with her son Lewis in the original playroom, and Sesame Lane Care & Kindergarten and Redcliffe Hospital staff in the newly refurbished playroom.

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