

The relief of poverty and distress caused by illness and disease



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Teddy hospital comes to shopping centre in time for school holidays

This winter school holiday a teddy bear hospital will open at Australia Fair Shopping Centre for all to enjoy.

Starting from Monday, 9 July at 10am the teddy hospital will open its doors and invite children to bring their 'sick' or damaged teddy or doll, dress-up as either a doctor or nurse in scrubs, stethoscope and face mask – and nurse their 'patients' back to health.

Gold Coast Hospital Foundation mascot Betty Get Better will make an appearance at the family friendly activity, and there will also be a colouring-in competition with a small prize up for grabs.

Australia Fair Marketing Manager, Ms Louise Jurgs said this is a wonderful opportunity for children to feel less anxious about going to hospital and learn how the Foundation helps reduce medical hardship for local patients.

"We are delighted to host this unique event and help raise awareness and funds for this amazing charity who help support sick and injured child and adult patients suffering distress and hardship on the Gold Coast."

The week-long activity ending on Friday, 13 July at 1pm is part of the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation's ScrubUP September appeal, which provides a fun way for Gold Coasters to raise money to relieve medical hardship for local patients.

"Funds raised through ScrubUP September will help promote the Foundation's vital work to help more than 95,000 local patients and families who experience illness, injury and disability each year," Gold Coast Hospital Foundation CEO Kim Sutton said.

"The money will also keep life-saving programs running like the Foundation's Cancer Patient Transport Service, medical equipment wish list and cutting-edge health research."

The Gold Coast Hospital Foundation was established 24 years ago as the official charity for Gold Coast Health, which includes Gold Coast University Hospital and Robina Hospital.

Everyone can get involved in ScrubUP September including schools, businesses, community groups and individuals. Simply host a fundraising activity for a day, week or whole month. To receive a FREE ScrubUP September kit, sign-up online at scrubupseptember.com.au today.

Anybody can donate to the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation by visiting www.gchfoundation.org.au/donate

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