

MEDIA RELEASE



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Mackay patients to benefit from additional specialist services

The Mackay Mater Hospital will soon welcome Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Michael Cheesman when he commences practice in Mackay on Thursday January 29.

Executive Officer of the Mackay Mater Hospital Mr John Nugent said that the arrival of Dr Cheesman is in addition to two private Orthopaedic Surgeons already servicing Mackay patients.

“Dr Cheesman has over 15 years experience as a medical practitioner in South Africa,” Mr Nugent said.

“He became a Fellow of the College of Surgeons of Republic of South Africa and obtained his Masters in Orthopaedic Surgery in 2005.

“Along with experience in General Orthopaedics, Dr Cheesman has a keen interest in knee and upper limb trauma along with sports related injuries.

“The arrival of Dr Cheesman will help to improve after hours coverage for emergency private Orthopaedic Surgery and also reduce waiting times for private Orthopaedic patients requiring surgery in Mackay,” Mr Nugent said.

Mr Nugent added that Dr Cheesman will commence private practice at the Mackay Mater Hospital Medical Suites, adjacent to the Mackay Mater Hospital.

“The Mackay Mater Hospital Medical Suites is currently undergoing a \$2.3 million expansion, including the fit out of the upper level of the current building,” Mr Nugent said.

“As demand for specialist consultants in our region continues to grow, so too does the demand for suitable medical office space. This expansion will assist in attracting more specialists, just like Dr Cheesman to Mackay.

“On behalf of the Mackay Mater Hospital I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Dr Cheesman and his family to the Mackay region,” Mr Nugent said.

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