LEADING A CHANGE OF HEART

BUILDING AUSTRALIA’S FIRST HEART HOSPITAL

Our Project

MonashHeart, the cardiac care provider for Monash Health, Monash University and the Victorian State Government have set their sights on building Australia’s first heart hospital at Monash University, Clayton – a landmark centre of excellence and the first of its kind in Australia.

Similar to dedicated cancer hospitals Australia-wide, the Victorian Heart Hospital will be dedicated to the care of one highly specialised area – cardiac care. Worldwide there are many specialised heart hospitals in major cities, but none in Australia. The case for a dedicated heart hospital as a basis for providing cardiac care is compelling and will significantly enhance Victoria’s position in cardiac care, research and education.

The Victorian Heart Hospital will build on MonashHeart’s existing four strong platforms including:

- Excellence in cardiac patient care in cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery
- Innovative, ground-breaking translational research
- World-class education and training
- Robust cardiovascular health care policy development.

$150 million of funding has been committed by the State Government, with other supporting options including philanthropy, being explored.

WHY A HEART HOSPITAL?

A stand-alone heart hospital is proposed because:

- Stand-alone heart hospitals have become the preferred model for delivery of cardiac care around the world.
- This option best ‘future proofs’ for capacity growth and flexibility for new paradigms of care well into the future.
- A heart hospital provides the best opportunity for development of related surplus generating activity, including:
  - Further growth in private patient procedures, both intervention and cardiac surgery;
  - Development of cardiac ‘travel medicine’ within Victoria;
  - Opportunities for involvement of major stakeholders.

About Monash Health

Monash Health is Victoria’s largest public health service with an annual operating budget of $1.45 billion, employing more than 15,000 employees across 40 sites. It provides award-winning health care across the entire lifespan from pre-birth, newborn babies, to the elderly. Activities include primary, secondary and tertiary services, university affiliated international research, teaching facilities and specialist services for greater Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Monash Health handles approximately 3.1 million episodes of care, admits 238,000 people and 206,000 people attend the emergency departments annually.

About MonashHeart

MonashHeart is the cardiac care provider for Monash Health, with services at Clayton, Dandenong and Casey. World renowned cardiologist, Professor Ian Meredith AM, was the former Director of MonashHeart.

Under Ian’s leadership MonashHeart grew significantly, introduced many innovations in cardiac care, and produced research which has an international reputation.

MonashHeart has an outstanding reputation both nationally and internationally for its clinical care, innovation and translational research. It is the largest provider of cardiac care in Victoria with over 83,000 episodes of care annually.

MonashHeart is committed to providing public health services with income supplemented by provision of private services.

The physical facilities in which MonashHeart operates have long ago reached capacity and demand for services is unable to be met and is growing each year.
About Monash University

In just 50 years, Monash University has achieved an enviable position in the world’s top 100 universities for both research and education. It is now ranked in the top 1% of world universities, with campuses across Victoria and in Malaysia, South Africa, China, India and Italy.

There are now over 63,000 enrolments each year (2013) and over 16,000 staff worldwide. Just under 50% of enrolments are at Monash University, Clayton, located one kilometre from Monash Health’s largest hospital, Monash Medical Centre, and 11 kilometres from its second largest hospital Dandenong Hospital.

The Future Heart Hospital

The Victorian Heart Hospital is planned to comprise strategically located and purpose-built facilities to significantly expand the existing capacity and models of care and to enable a flexible and proactive approach to new treatment paradigms and rapidly evolving technology. The design will be both patient-centred and service-orientated to enhance patient experience and seamless patient flow.

The Victorian Heart Hospital will include a full range of ambulatory and inpatient cardiac care facilities, including cardiac theatres, cardiac catheterisation laboratories, cardiac intensive care beds and ambulatory services such as cardiac CT, echocardiography and specialist consultation.

It will treat public patients with a private patient capacity and will provide international patient treatment.

It will also be a centre for education, in partnership with Monash University, to provide training options for undergraduate and postgraduate medical, nursing and science students, one to two-year subspecialty training fellowships for cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, an export business for the education of international health professionals and provision of PhD and Masters placement for doctors, nurses, cardiac technologists and allied health professionals.

Research will be a key component of the Victorian Heart Hospital, housing the Monash Cardiovascular Research Centre, a centre of Monash University, with ability to expand current activities involving publications, presentations, PhD projects and internationally competitive research activities including clinical trials, contract research, registries, research partnerships and translational research.

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