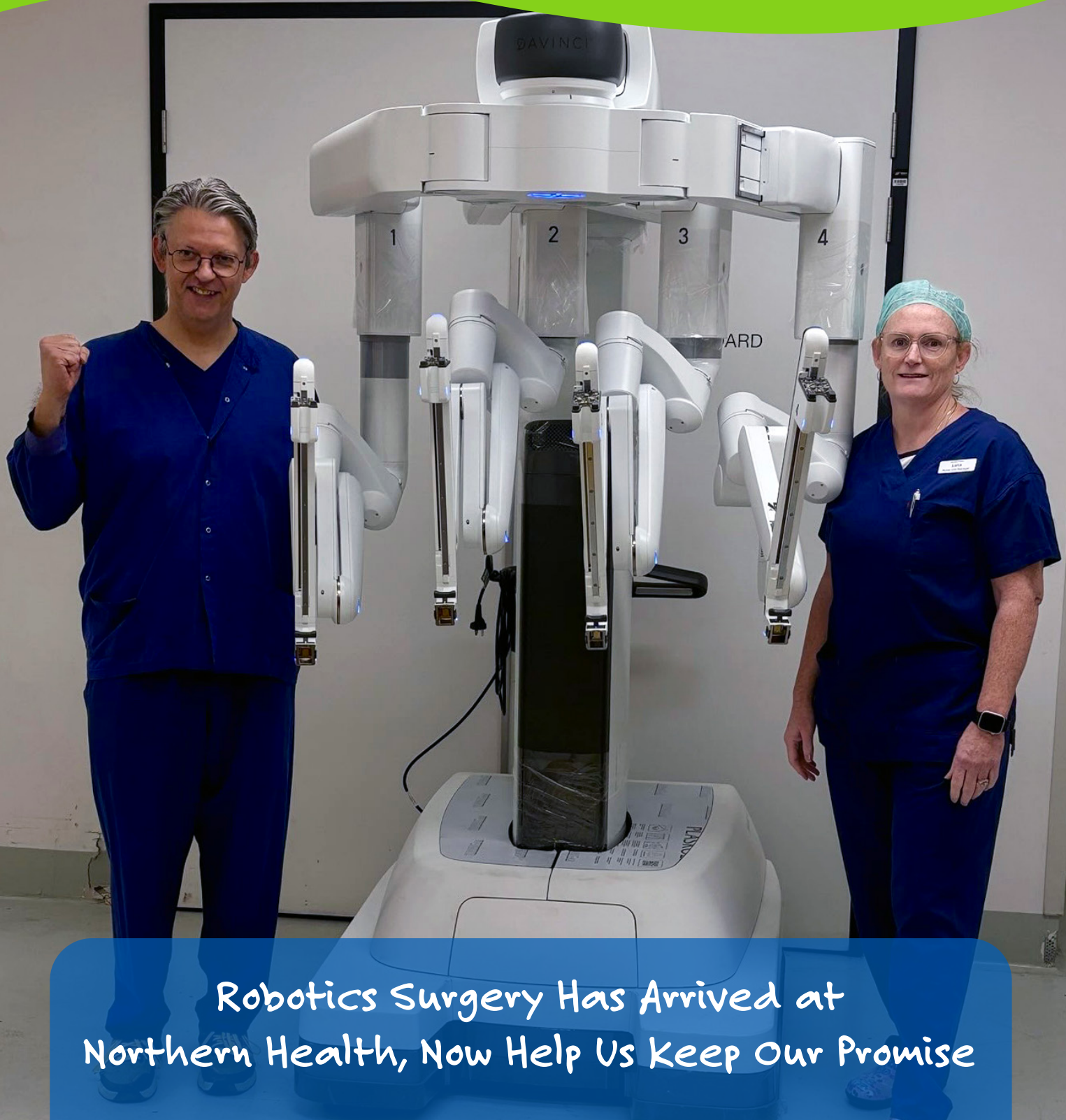




Northern Health Foundation **NEWSLETTER**



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Cutting-Edge Care, Close to Home

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At Northern Health, we believe our community deserves access to the very best in healthcare, not just what's available in the inner city. That's why we are proud to share that Northern Hospital Epping is now home to a \$2.5 million robotic-assisted surgical platform, a ground-breaking innovation that is already changing lives.

For many years, robotic surgery has been the standard of care in leading hospitals across Australia and internationally. Now, patients in Melbourne's north no longer need to travel long distances for this technology. It is here, close to home, where it is needed most.

Robotic-assisted surgery is a game-changer. Unlike traditional open surgery, the robotic platform offers unmatched precision and accuracy, with advanced 3D vision and highly flexible instruments. These capabilities make minimally invasive procedures possible even in the most delicate cases.

For patients, this means less pain, fewer complications, shorter hospital stays and a faster return to everyday life. Imagine a man diagnosed with prostate cancer. With traditional surgery, his recovery might involve nearly a week in hospital and several weeks at home. With robotic-assisted surgery, he may be home the next day, returning to his life sooner and with greater confidence.

Or consider a woman with endometriosis, a painful and often debilitating condition. Robotic surgery allows our surgeons to treat her condition with greater accuracy and care, dramatically improving her quality of life.

Each year, more than 200 patients at Northern Health are expected to benefit from this technology, including those facing cancers of the prostate, kidney, bladder, lungs, and bowel, as well as patients with urgent health issues such as hernias, organ prolapse, and obesity-related conditions.

This technology doesn't just benefit patients. It also supports our dedicated surgical teams. The robotic platform reduces surgeon fatigue and strain during long, complex procedures. With dual consoles, it allows surgeons to train the next generation right here at Northern Health, helping us attract and retain the very best surgical talent.

As Divisional Director of Surgery, Dennis Gyomber explains:

"With this phased approach, I anticipate upwards of 200 patients each year will benefit from this innovative equipment. Your gift will have a profound and lasting impact, not only on the lives of individual patients, but on the growth of Northern Health as a leader in cancer care for years to come."

The most important part of this story is that the robotic machine is already here and already saving lives. Patients are being treated with this breakthrough technology today, right here in Melbourne's north.

But while the hospital has invested in this \$2.5 million platform, Northern Health Foundation has pledged \$500,000 towards the cost. We've made that commitment on behalf of our community, and with your support, we can deliver on it.

Government funding will not cover the cost of Robotics Machines. That is why community support is critical. Every donation, big or small, goes directly towards equipment that is already transforming patient care.

By giving today, you are not funding a promise for tomorrow, you are helping us keep a promise we've already made. Together, we can ensure thousands of people in Melbourne's north benefit from the very best surgical care, close to home.

Please consider making a gift today. Your generosity will mean less pain, faster recoveries, and better outcomes for patients who deserve nothing less.

Donate now at nhfoundation.org.au/donate or call us on **8405 2897**.

Your support means the world to us and even more to the patients whose lives are being changed every single day at Northern Health.



\$135,000 Raised for Cancer Services at Gala Ball

On Saturday, 17 May 2025, Northern Health Foundation hosted its annual Gala Ball at the Savoy Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Melbourne, bringing together over 430 guests to support cancer services in Melbourne's northern suburbs.

The elegant evening featured a three-course dinner, world-class entertainment, and live auctions with great prizes available, all aimed at raising funds for cancer services at Northern Hospital Epping.

The event, hosted by renowned radio and television personality Ben Sorensen, featured a vibrant mix of entertainment, including energetic Bollywood dancers and dynamic Lebanese drummers to set the stage. Adding to the excitement was world-class comedian Joe Avati who made a special appearance, delighting guests with his signature humour. Corporate sponsors, including Principal Partner ISS, and local MPs were also in attendance, contributing to the event's success.

Thanks to the generosity of attendees and sponsors, the Gala Ball raised over \$135,000, with proceeds supporting cancer services at Northern Health. This will aid in the purchase of a scalp cooling machine for patients to help retain their hair through chemotherapy.

Pina Di Donato, Executive Director of Public Affairs and Foundation, expressed gratitude for the community's support, saying, "We are extremely pleased with the outcome from our Gala Ball. It was a wonderful event, with proceeds going towards a great cause, and a tremendous effort on behalf of the team."

A heartfelt thank you to our Principal Partner, ISS, and to all our generous donors, sponsors,

and volunteers. Your unwavering support is instrumental in enhancing healthcare services for our diverse and growing community. We look forward to welcoming guests to the next Northern Health Foundation Gala Ball, to continue seeing the impact your generosity makes on our community and, most importantly, the patients here at Northern Health.

Northern Health Foundation continues to rely on the generosity of the community to fund vital healthcare services in the rapidly growing northern region.

For more information on how to support the Foundation, visit nhfoundation.org.au



Northern Health Foundation Reaches \$100K Milestone through Play For Purpose Partnership

Northern Health Foundation is excited to announce it has surpassed the \$100,000 milestone in funds raised through its partnership with the Play for Purpose raffle.

Play for Purpose is Australia's not-for-profit online community raffle, offering major prize packages worth up to \$250,000, with draws held quarterly. Since teaming up with Play for Purpose, Northern Health Foundation has promoted the raffle as an engaging and meaningful way for people to give back with the added bonus of potentially winning life-changing prizes, now raising over \$100,000 through this partnership.

The Play for Purpose raffle returns 50 per cent of every ticket sold to the Foundation, so funds go back into enhancing patient care, funding equipment, and supporting innovative programs across Northern Health.

Pina Di Donato, Executive Director Public Affairs and Foundation, praised the community's generosity saying, "This outstanding milestone reflects the incredible support we receive from our community. The partnership with Play for Purpose offers a meaningful way to give, and every ticket helps Northern Health deliver better care to our patients."

The long-standing partnership, which began in 2021, has provided a unique way for the community to support Northern Health by purchasing tickets in the national raffle. For every \$10 ticket sold, at least \$5 goes directly back to the Foundation, bringing a lasting impact on the patients and families who rely on our health service. This is a great initiative for those wanting to support their local charity while being in the draw to win something back.

Northern Health Foundation is encouraging staff, patients, families and the wider community to get involved and help push the total even higher to continue giving back to those most in need.

The Foundation thanks everyone for their ongoing support in helping to achieve this incredible milestone.

To purchase your tickets, with another \$250,000 prize up for grabs, please scan the QR code.



Container Deposit Scheme

A Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) has rolled out across Northern Hospital Epping. Collections bins have been placed in key locations across the hospital for staff and patients to deposit CDS recyclables into the bins, including items that staff may wish to bring from home.

Recyclable items including drink cans, bottles and cartons can be placed in the bins, with all proceeds raised going directly to the Northern Health Foundation to support investment in research, innovation and medical equipment for the northern community!

Northern Health Foundation Launches New Website

We are excited to announce that Northern Health Foundation launched its newly redesigned website earlier this year in February. The new site features a user-friendly experience that highlights the purpose of the Foundation, our team and its generous supporters, and upcoming events that will continue supporting the north. It also provides visitors with a seamless way to make online donations, discover impactful stories, and learn about the Foundation's ongoing efforts to improve healthcare across Northern Health.

We encourage you to explore the new site, share your stories with us, and learn how you can support the work of the Foundation as it relies on the generosity of businesses, community members, academic partners, sponsors and donors to continue supporting the needs of our growing community. The Foundation is thankful for the ongoing contributions as we work to raise funds to support the purchase of life-changing equipment, research and training for our local health service.

Please visit the new Northern Health Foundation website today at nhfoundation.org.au and see how your support can help shape the future of healthcare at Northern Health. Whether you're looking to donate, get involved, or simply read more about the incredible impact being made, the new website is the place to be!

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Freemason Lodges Host Their Spring Gala

Thank you to the Freemason Lodges of Bank Place, Evolution, Garibaldi and Victorian Naval and Military for their support as they hosted their spring gala at Casa D'Abruzzo Club, Epping, on Saturday, 23 August.

All proceeds will be supporting cancer services at Northern Health. Thank you to all of the sponsors, with special thanks to the Platinum Sponsor, Casa D'Abruzzo Club, and gold sponsor, Josie and Rino Minniti's Cancer Fundraising Group. Thank you also to the Freemason Foundation and Northern Health Foundation for their support of this event.



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Thank You to our Foundation Patrons

Northern Health Foundation acknowledges the unwavering support of our long-standing patrons, Bev Carman, Trudi Hay, Josie Minniti OAM, and the most recently inducted patron; Margie Hill. Collectively, they have been a beacon of hope and progress for the community for many years. Through various creative fundraising initiatives, these dedicated individuals have contributed significantly to the Foundation's mission of improving health services across Northern Health campuses.

Over the years, Bev, Trudi, Josie and Margie have organised countless events like charity luncheons, dinner dances, race day events for the local and wider community, and been long-standing supporters of Northern Health Foundation for many years. These activities not only raised vital funds for Northern Health Cancer Services, but also fostered a sense of community engagement.

Through their dedication, our Northern Health Foundation Patrons exemplify the profound impact of community-led initiatives on public health, embodying Northern Health's commitment to innovation, care, and connection. We thank them all and look forward to seeing their ongoing impact on our health service. Thank you, Bev, Trudi, Josie and Margie, for your ongoing support.

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