

Calvary Connections

September 2017



CNMs Suzie Grant and Jodi Gowardman helped
The Hon. John Watkins AM Chair, Little Company of
Mary Health Care Board



**Blessing and Opening
Of The Calvary St
Vincent's Hospital
Cardiac Catheterisation
Laboratory and
Endoscopy Unit**

On Tuesday 12th September over fifty guests helped officially open our services.

From John Watkins:

These units required significant investment – the Cardiac Catheter Lab at \$3.6m and the Endoscopy Unit \$2.6m. Both services have surpassed their business case expectations.

Cardiac Catheter Laboratory

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge: Dr Geoffrey Evans, Calvary Director of Cardiology, and Associate Professor Brian Herman, Calvary Director of the Cardiac Catheter Lab. I would also like to acknowledge other cardiologists, anaesthetists and our dedicated Calvary staff.

Please allow me to briefly share with you the importance of establishing this very much needed service in the private sector for the North, North East and North West Tasmanian populations who have, possibly, the highest prevalence of cardiovascular disease in Australia. ABS data has shown death rates within these populations as among the worst nationally. Interestingly, The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care analysis of 2014 confirmed that rates of coronary angiograms and cardiac intervention in Tasmania are amongst the lowest in Australia with a notably large percentage of cases being performed in public hospitals.

With 45% of the Tasmanian population maintaining their private health insurance, this new service has already proven to reduce the load on our public hospitals. We are indeed fortunate to have 6 highly experienced cardiologists performing both Angiography and Pace Making for patients in the private sector.

I understand that in the next six months, once the appropriate infrastructure and skill mix is in place angioplasty procedures will be done within the Lab.

From John Watkins:

Endoscopy Suite

Firstly, allow me to acknowledge the Gastroenterologists, Urologists, Colorectal Surgeons, Anaesthetists and our hardworking Calvary staff who have all provided significant input into establishing this new purpose-built Endoscopy Unit here at Calvary St Vincent's Hospital.

The new Endoscopy Units has been located in vacant space on Level 3 and offers a much improved service for not only the staff, doctors and specialists, but certainly a much improved patient experience in terms of privacy and space, being 20% larger than the previous unit.

Consultation and the contribution of architects, builders, doctors, specialists, staff ...all are to be commended and thanked for their valuable time and effort in ensuring the best possible environment was achieved.



Archbishop Julian Porteous Blessing the plaques



CNM Jodi gives an informative guided tour

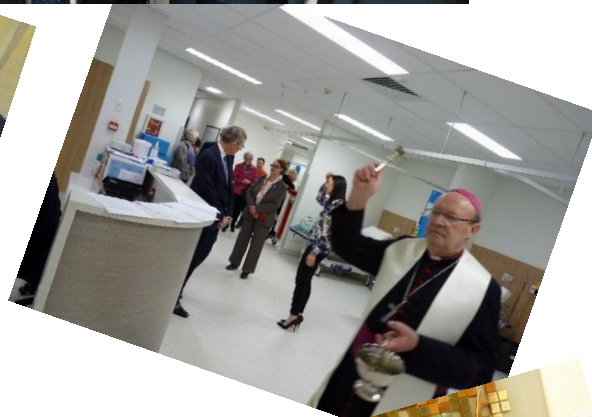


**Sr Kathleen Cotterill LCM, Director
Calvary Ministries Board**





CNM Suzie sharing our patient flow pathway in Endo





From a Letter By: Sr Jennifer Barrow Little Company of Mary Province Leader

"Congratulations on the opening and Blessing of the Cardiac Cath Lab and Endoscopy units, which I attended recently – a great achievement – and splendid new facilities for all those people who will be using them for Health Care.

Congratulations too, on the staff and their professional readiness to explain and discuss the workings and operational aspect of these units – that was most interesting, and their professionalism was evident in their interactions with us. It was most enjoyable.

The Blessing was also an integral part of the ceremony, a privilege to be part of it all.

You are all in our prayers for the ministry at Calvary St Vincent's, and I am sure the people of Launceston and beyond are the beneficiaries."

Thanks to Our Official Visitors

Sr Juliana Coulson LCM, Hobart

Sr Kathleen Cotterill LCM, Director – Calvary Ministries Board

Sr Jennifer Barrow LCM, Province Leader

His Grace the Most Rev. Julian Porteous, Archbishop of Hobart

The Honourable John Watkins AM

- Chair, Little Company of Mary Health Care Board

Mark Green, National Director of Mission

We welcome contributions to Calvary News

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From: Mark Green National Director of Mission



Mark spoke about the needs of the people of Northern Tasmania being met by these facilities. How the legacy of Venerable Mary Potter in meeting the needs of people at that time is being lived out through the identification of the needs of our community, then using the drive and energy of local doctors and the Calvary Launceston community to meet these current needs. This is Calvary Mission, Vision and Values in action.

Mark noted the engagement, commitment and passion of the staff, managers and doctors he met on the night.

Thank You To:

The following individuals and Teams have gone above and beyond to make the official opening a success

Catering Team: The gourmet supper showcased our suppliers and fantastic Tassie produce off beautifully. The food and drinks area was equally well presented. Thanks to Andrew, Cynthia, Chris and the whole Team.

Maintenance and housekeeping Teams: St Vincent's Foyer had a minor makeover with a lighter and brighter result. Thanks to Tony, Rod and Mat. The whole floor had an extra level of shine! Thanks to the Housekeeping Team.

Endo and Cath Lab staff: For guiding groups through the new facilities.

Sivionne: Invitations

Archbishop of Hobart. The Most Rev. Julian Porteous for officially blessing the facilities.

And many others.

Pat with Sr Juliana (Hobart) and Sr Kathleen (Calvary Ministries)



Hospitality



Healing



Stewardship



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