



The Maitland Hospital

The Maitland Hospital is a health facility for the Upper and Lower Hunter Regions. The urban/rural population serviced is approximately 72,000 and incorporates Maitland, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Dungog and Raymond Terrace. The hospital is located 35 minutes from the John Hunter Children's Hospital and transport by air or road is facilitated by NSW Ambulance Services.

A comprehensive range of services is provided including medical and rehabilitation, surgical and day surgery, maternity and child services. There is a busy Emergency Department, and an adult coronary care/high dependency unit. Mental health, dental and renal services are provided on-site, as well as diagnostic services. An array of allied health services, both hospital and community-based, includes occupational therapy, speech pathology, dietetics, psychology, physiotherapy and social work services.

Paediatric Services

Maitland is a major regional general paediatric centre, which provides newborn and paediatric in-patient services. Outpatient services are provided at Maitland by:

- Dr Peter Donald
- Dr Fergus Elder
- Dr Keith Howard
- Dr Anne McGeechan
- Dr Marea Murray
- Dr Karen O'Brien

Outreach clinics are conducted in Cessnock, Dungog, Singleton and Muswellbrook Hospitals and Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace Community Health Centres. All outpatient appointments for these services can be made by calling 02 4939 2600.

Maitland Paediatric Unit has 16 beds with approximately 1700 admissions per year. The Special Care Nursery supports maternity units in the Upper and Lower Hunter, as well as supporting the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at John Hunter Children's Hospital as a Level 2 service. The Special Care Nursery admits approximately 180 - 200 babies per year. The Maitland Hospital also provides a Level 4 child protection service.

When do we refer to another facility?

Referrals to John Hunter Children's Hospital and the Sydney Children's Hospital Network (Randwick and Westmead) may occur in two situations.

Non urgent referral to Subspecialty Clinics will occur whenever one of the local Paediatricians requires a more specialised opinion. Our close relationships with our colleagues at John Hunter Children's Hospital in particular, make these referrals efficient and valuable. We would usually continue to be responsible for their General Paediatric care.

Neonates who are born at Maitland, or children who are admitted directly, but require intensive care or immediate subspecialist care are transferred to a tertiary centre by NETS (Neonatal Emergency Transport Service) or other means. These transfers may also occur directly from the emergency department.

Hours of operation

The Maitland Hospital operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Normal business hours are 8:30am - 5:00pm weekdays. Clinics function across business days, with some outreach clinics occurring across the Valley.

Address

550 - 560 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320

Main contact numbers

Telephone number:	(02) 4939 2000
Fax number:	(02) 4939 2270
Admissions Office:	(02) 4939 2328