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## Sisters act

Gladstone's Morgan Mathison proudly presented sister Camryn Mathison with her first Hockeyroos jersey last week. Camryn would go on to make her Australian debut in the following days against Spain. (Hockey Australia)

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# HOSPITAL BOOST

By Di Stanley

A new modular hospital wing will be added to Gladstone Hospital's footprint by mid-2027, delivering a minimum of 51 beds and treatment spaces and six additional renal dialysis chairs.

Health Minister Tim Nicholls said the expansion, delivered under the LNP's Hospital Rescue Plan, was necessary while upgrades were underway to modernise deteriorating buildings.

"This is a significant investment in Gladstone and the surrounding districts to provide easier

access to health services," Mr Nicholls said.

"It's really important we do this because Labor left this hospital in a state of disrepair.

"We've seen in recent weeks pictures of ceilings falling in and mould in the ceilings. We're getting on to fixing those problems, and in the meantime, we're making sure that safe, accessible delivery of health services can continue here at Gladstone Hospital."

Callide MP Bryson Head said he had been fighting for much-needed investment in the hospital, claiming Gladstone residents were "paying

the price for the failure of Steven Miles and Glenn Butcher" and the cover-up of a damning hospital infrastructure audit in 2021 that uncovered numerous defects in Block 1 and Block 2.

"This hospital is critically important to this community and a lot of the people that I represent in the electorate of Callide," Mr Head said.

"We've seen recently the legacy of failures that we inherited from the Palaszczuk and Miles Labor governments and the deterioration of this hospital and facility under the watch of local member Glenn Butcher"

Mr Butcher accused the LNP of ignoring a draft master plan that had been developed for Gladstone Hospital under the former Labor Government.

"Any investment you don't knock back, but at the same time, it's only a temporary answer," he said.

"They've invested in a temporary facility, like dongas you see at high schools, but where is their master plan for the hospital?"

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