

Joint Venture with Mayne Nickless

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Mayne Nickless and Ramsay Health Care form joint venture to bid with the Inner & Eastern Health Care Network for the Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre/Mercy redevelopment. Two of Australia's largest private health care groups Mayne Nickless and Ramsay Health Care today announced that they had formed a 50:50 joint venture to bid with the Inner & Eastern Health Care Network for the contract to build, own and operate the new Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre in Heidelberg, Melbourne.

The Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre is one of Melbourne's premier tertiary acute teaching and research hospitals which the Victorian Government is seeking to fully redevelop through private sector involvement.

The combination of Mayne Nickless and Ramsay Health Care brings together an extensive range of skills, depth of health care expertise and enhanced financial resources that will enable the new joint venture to develop and deliver the best possible solutions for the Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre project.

The joint venture enables both companies to devote enhanced resources towards developing a first-class hospital to address the Department of Human Services project requirements. Both companies eagerly look forward to participating in the bidding process for the project.

The Inner & Eastern Health Care Network will also participate in the bid as a non-equity partner with Mayne Nickless and Ramsay Health Care. It will bring a high level of expertise in tertiary hospital management and specialised clinical care, medical research, teaching and training.

Mayne Nickless, through its health care division Health Care of Australia, is Australia's largest private health care provider, managing 47 hospitals with over 4,400 beds treating nearly 300,000 patients annually.

Ramsay Health Care is one of Australia's largest private hospital operators with 13 hospitals, including two veterans' hospitals, located in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia providing in excess of 1,700 beds.

The Inner & Eastern Health Care Network is Melbourne's largest public health services provider with a network of 10 public hospitals based in the inner and eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

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Mayne Nickless Limited

Mayne Nickless is a leading Australian based international provider of integrated services, with a particular focus on health care and related service industries. Health Care of Australia (HCoA), Australia's largest private hospital and health system, is a division of Mayne Nickless Limited. HCoA was formed in 1991 and has grown to be Australia's largest private health care provider. The group has 47 hospitals in five states, including 3 privatised acute public hospitals. HCoA manages 4,400 acute hospital beds, accounting for approximately 15% of the private acute hospital beds in Australia. The group treats nearly 300,000 patients annually. HCoA is Australia's largest private pathology services provider with a network covering New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. HCoA is a world leader in joint ventures with the public sector and co-locations with public hospital facilities.

Ramsay Health Care

Ramsay Health Care is one of the largest Australian health care groups with experience in Australia, the United States, Asia and Europe. The group was established in Australia in 1964 by its founder Paul Ramsay and has grown to become one of the largest and most respected private hospital operations in the country. RHC in Australia consists of 13 private hospitals and associated clinics representing over 1700 beds with a staff of over 2500 people.



RHC is the largest provider of in-patient private psychiatric hospital care in Australia. RHC operates the co-locations of Royal North Shore Hospital on Sydney's Lower North Shore and at the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide.

RHC has extensive veteran hospital experience through the operation of Greenslopes Private Hospital in Brisbane and Hollywood Private Hospital in Perth.

Inner & Eastern Health Care Network

The Inner & Eastern Health Care Network is Melbourne's largest public health services provider with a network of 10 public hospitals based in the inner and eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

The Inner & Eastern Networks were combined to form one network on 1 July 1996. The Network includes the Alfred hospital, Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Angliss Health Service, Box Hill Hospital, Caulfield General Medical Centre, Maroondah Hospital, Peter James Centre, St George's Health Service and Yarra Ranges Health Service.

The Inner & Eastern Health Care Network is Melbourne's largest provider of health care services with annual revenue approaching \$700 million and over 15,000 staff.

The Network is responsible for providing health care services to 1.3 million people and indirectly to almost 4 million through its extensive range of state-wide services.

The Network provides a complete range of services from community based ambulatory services through to heart lung transplants and other high-level, complex specialist clinical and surgical services.