

CUTTING EDGE: Hunter Cataract and Eye Centre has relocated from Hamilton to Charlestown and changed its name from Denison Street Eye Surgeons.



Eyes on patients' needs

A NEW state-of-the-art eye centre at Charlestown is now servicing the community with high-quality treatment and surgery.

The Hunter Cataract and Eye Centre opened in the Sky Central East building on the Pacific Highway about two months ago.

Ophthalmologist Dr David Manning moved his business, previously named Denison Street Eye Surgeons, from Hamilton to keep up-to-date with the latest technology.

"The move was prompted by our clinic outgrowing the Denison Street rooms," he said.

"We now have a state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility in the iconic Sky Central Building at Charlestown."

The Hunter Cataract and Eye Centre has fully compliant disabled access,

cutting-edge equipment and an operating theatre.

Dr Manning wants to focus on better workflow and cutting down waiting times for patients at his new centre.

Having more room for assistants and equipment is expected to make the clinic more efficient and reduce waiting time.

"I still provide general eye care, as well as cutting-edge cataract surgery techniques and expert glaucoma care, but there is now a greater capacity to see same-day eye emergency issues as well," he said.

"I also provide treatment for macular disease, pterygium surgery, and oculoplastic procedures for minor eyelid disorders."

Dr Manning continues to work at the forefront of eye care and uses the most advanced technology.

He has recently introduced trifocal artificial lenses into his cataract operations.

The lenses, manufactured by Zeiss technologies, further advance the ability to see at all distances after cataract surgery.

"Combining the new lenses with laser-assisted cataract surgery and SMI technology gives us powerful tools to achieve excellent vision results," he said.

Dr Manning is aiming for "high quality, efficient and affordable eye services" from his new rooms.

Hunter Cataract and Eye Centre is on the third floor of Sky Central East at Charlestown. Its opening hours are 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

To see Dr Manning regarding cataract or other eye services you will require a GP or optometrist referral.

MRI scans for children given

DELTA Imaging will be one of the first centres in the country to offer magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans to children under the age of 16.

Following the federal government's introduction of new Medicare MRI Items for paediatric patients, general practitioners can now refer MRI for specified conditions.

Delta Imaging is the only centre in Australia that has an MRI scanner specially suited to children and is Medicare eligible. The GE Optima 430s speciality scanner is a new concept in MRI and Newcastle was the first to get one.

Examinations for patients under 16 suffering specific conditions will be bulk billed if referred by a GP.

These item numbers apply to scans conducted at MRI locations which have been granted partial Medicare eligibility.

The following conditions present in children under 16 qualify for MRI scans:

Brain MRI:

- Unexplained seizures.
- Unexplained headaches where significant pathology is suspected.
- Paranasal sinus

pathology which has not responded to therapy.

Spine MRI following radiographic examination:

- Significant trauma.
- Unexplained neck or back pain with neurological signs.
- Unexplained back pain where significant pathology is suspected.

Knee MRI following radiographic examination:

- Internal joint derangement.

Hip MRI following radiographic examination:

- Suspected septic arthritis.
- Suspected slipped capital femoral epiphysis.
- Suspected Perthe's disease.

Elbow MRI following radiographic examination:

- Significant fracture or avulsion injury suspected.

Wrist MRI following radiographic examination:

- Scaphoid fracture suspected.

Delta Imaging is located at 262 High Street, Maitland, and 95 Pacific Highway, Charlestown.



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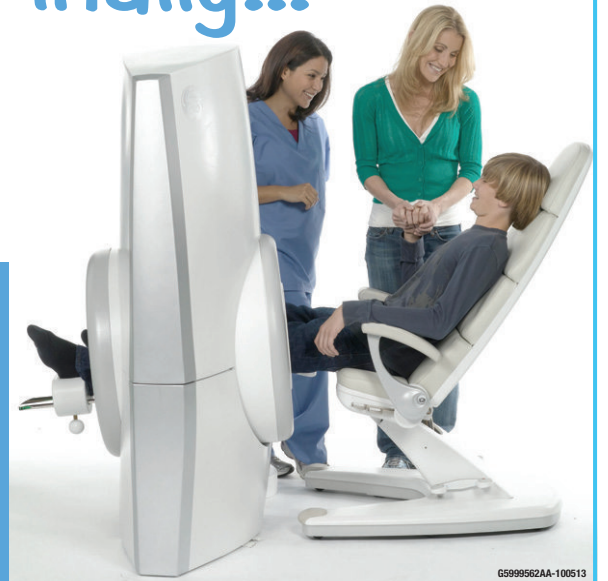
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