## Mackay Base Hospital

## Palliative Medicine - RMO and Registrar Campaign 2026

| Public / private                          | Public  |
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| Service name                              | Mackay Specialist Palliative Care Service   |
| Service type                              | <ul> <li>a community service to the geographical area 45km from Mackay Base Hospital by road.</li> <li>in-reach medical consultancy to inpatients in Mackay Base Hospital</li> </ul>  |
| Patient referral groups                   | Full mix of adult palliative care patients. This includes all patients with progressive terminal illnesses including cancer, degenerative neurological conditions, and organ failures.  |
| Annual no. of referrals                   | Approx. 500 inpatient consult referrals per year Approx. 250 community referrals per year   |
| Inpatient bed numbers                     | unknown   |
| Inpatient annual admissions               | Unknown   |
| Staffing & Supervision                    | Medical Staff:  |
|   | <ul> <li>2 onsite staff specialists</li> <li>Remote supervision available (via video support) from SPaRTa Palliative Medicine Consultant</li> <li>1.5 FTE Advanced Trainee/Clinical Foundation in Palliative Medicine trainees.</li> </ul>  |
| RACP accreditation – define category(ies) | <ul> <li>RACP accreditation</li> <li>1 Trainee for Term 4 (Cancer Care Setting)</li> <li>1 Trainee for Clinical Foundation or Term 5 (General Palliative Care).</li> <li>Application in process for Community and Consult Liaison terms</li> <li>ACRRM Accreditation for Advanced Specialised Training (AST) in palliative care pending.</li> </ul> |
| Service Benefits (drawcard)               | <ul> <li>Seamless care provision across inpatient/outpatient to community</li> <li>Excellent integration with Medical oncology, Haematology</li> <li>Affiliated with James Cook University medical school</li> </ul>  |

|                               | <ul> <li>Dedicated weekly Registrar education and journal<br/>club/complex case. Additional education<br/>opportunities via General medicine program in the<br/>hospital as well as good connections with Gold Coast<br/>SPaRTa.</li> </ul>  |
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| Service Highlights / benefits | The Mackay Specialist Palliative Care Service sits within the Mackay Hospital and Health Service District, which provides health services in regional, community and rural settings, to a population of around 182,000 people across the district.  MHHS offers benefits of coastal and country living with the convenience of a growing regional location where you can pursue a wide range of interests. |
| Hospital Web link             | Palliative Care - Mackay Hospital and Health Services  |