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Mary Anne Noonan and Moran Wasson at the Sydney Adventist Hospital.
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The San excels again

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SYDNEY Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga has taken out this year's top private hospital award.

The hospital, affectionately known as "The San", received the Australian Private Hospital Association (APHA) Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence in the over-70-bed category.

Executive Director of APHA Michael Roff said the 142-bed hospital had achieved best practice outcomes for patients, staff and the community.

"The hospital has excelled at providing services and technology to meet the changing needs of its community," Mr Roff said.

He said the judges were impressed by

innovative services such as Hospital in the Home and multi-million dollar investments in new and upgraded facilities, including a new flat plate technology cardiac catheter laboratory.

Quality management co-ordinator Mary Anne Noonan accepted the award in a glittering Hollywood movie star themed ceremony in Surfers Paradise this week. She and hospital CEO Dr Leon Clark paid tribute to the 3000-strong hospital staff who contributed to the win.

"Following on from our great success in achieving four-year accreditation from the ACHS (Australian Council for Health Care Standards), this is a wonderful milestone," Dr Clark said.