

No end to long waits

I wrote on August 21 last year of a dear friend who had his brain biopsy surgery cancelled on the day it was to occur, as all elective surgery was cancelled for the day. I queried our health system then. I have now been told by his wife that their son, aged 35 and with a disability, has been on a waitlist for five years to be seen by the gastro clinic at SCGH. Five years, and repeated referrals later, he's still on a waitlist.

Tell me Roger Cook, like being in a corridor bed for two days, is a five-year wait to see a gastro specialist the new "normal" in Western Australia's (Third?) world-class health system?

You would not believe we're the nation's wealthiest State. Honestly, I do not know what we're spending our GST millions, our resource taxes, and our multitude of State Government levies and fees, on.

Oh wait, racetracks for cars through suburbia.

And by all means, retain that huge surplus. I best book my knee replacement in for 2035 now, I just felt it twitch.

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