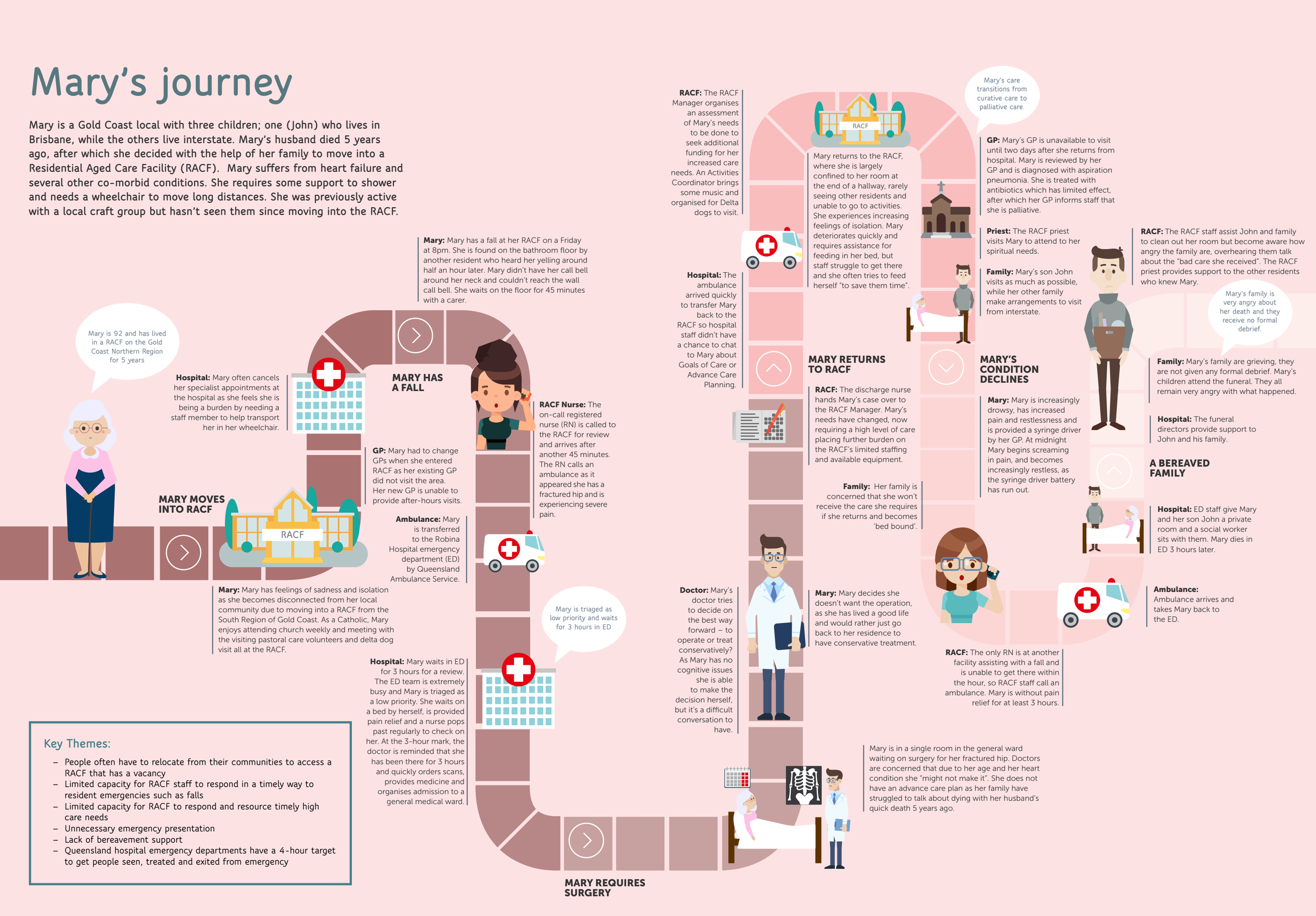
Mary's journey

Mary is a Gold Coast local with three children; one (John) who lives in Brisbane, while the others live interstate. Mary's husband died 5 years ago, after which she decided with the help of her family to move into a Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF). Mary suffers from heart failure and several other co-morbid conditions. She requires some support to shower and needs a wheelchair to move long distances. She was previously active with a local craft group but hasn't seen them since moving into the RACF.



Key Themes:

- People often have to relocate from their communities to access a RACF that has a vacancy
- Limited capacity for RACF staff to respond in a timely way to resident emergencies such as falls
- Limited capacity for RACF to respond and resource timely high care needs
- Unnecessary emergency presentation
- Lack of bereavement support
- Queensland hospital emergency departments have a 4-hour target to get people seen, treated and exited from emergency