



Chief Executive Adjunct Prof Jackie Hanson

Dear colleagues,

Every winter we see an increase in demand across all of our services. It's a very busy time and I am very aware that many of you are working long days and nights to ensure every patient gets the right care in the right place. We have been working with our healthcare partners in the private sector to share the load where possible so more patients can get the care they need. A shout out to the Brighton team who have also increased capacity to take patients from our acute facilities. Thank you all for your work.



I do want to take a moment though to ask you all to please look out for yourselves and each other. Please remember that we have a range of wellbeing support services that you can access if you need to, including the Peer Responder network, our RUOK? trained staff, the employee assistance program Telus, and staff psychologists. All of these services are free and confidential if you need to talk with someone outside your usual circle.

Wellbeing support

Bribie Island Satellite Hospital

This week the Premier, Deputy Premier, Health Minister and local MP officially opened Bribie Island Satellite Hospital, which will commence operations soon. Our Chief Operating Officer Jane Hancock also attended a Bribie Island Community Cabinet event to answer questions from the community about the satellite hospital.

Bribie Island Satellite Hospital will open the doors for the first patients on 17 July, with the Minor Injury and Illness Clinic, Day Medical Treatment Unit, mental health outpatient services, kidney health service, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hub. Remaining services will come online in early 2025 including the cancer care services, specialist allied health clinics (Healthy Ageing and Rehabilitation service), and oral health services.

Bribie Island Satellite Hospital (Yaruu)

Community Open Day

Meet the Team Q&A sessions:
10.00am | 10.45am | 11.30am

Facility walk-throughs
Every 15 minutes commencing at 9.30am

Thursday 11 July | 9.00am – 12.30pm
103 First Avenue, Bongaree
* Event parking restrictions apply

We will hold the Bribie Island Satellite Hospital community open day next Thursday, 11 July, with information sessions on how to access the services as well as facility tours.

The Premier and Minister also announced this week that Metro North will open a Nurse-led Walk-in clinic later this year. The clinic will be run by Community and Oral Health and provide treatment for a range of illnesses and injuries such as conjunctivitis, simple respiratory illnesses, cuts and minor burns, skin conditions, urinary tract infections, and some women's health services.

NAIDOC Week

This Sunday marks the start of NAIDOC Week, which runs until 14 July. Across Metro North there are events to celebrate NAIDOC Week including Yarning Circles and cultural activities. If you have an opportunity, I encourage you to go along to your local event.

This afternoon I will hold a vidcast ahead of NAIDOC Week with Sherry Holzapfel, Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. If you're not able to tune in at 1pm today, the recording will be online next week.

[Join vidcast](#)

Redcliffe ieMR

Congratulations to Redcliffe Hospital and Digital Metro North for finishing the roll out of ieMR yesterday. Redcliffe Hospital is now a completely digital hospital. The implementation was many months in the making and the roll out was also undertaken while the hospital was managing high demand. Congratulations also to COH which is going live with ieMR. Well done to everyone involved!

Brighton SET Forum

Yesterday the Metro North Senior Executive Team (SET) held our meeting at Brighton Health Campus in what is probably the meeting room with the best view across our health service. Thank you to everyone who attended the SET Forum and engaged in the discussion. It is incredibly useful for the executive team to hear directly from you about your challenges and ideas.

This week I also attended the RBWH Foundation grants presentation. Congratulations to all the researchers and clinicians across RBWH, STARS and Herston Health Precinct who were successful in your grant applications.

Also, with the new financial year, a reminder for those who need to do an annual [conflict of interest declaration](#).

Kind regards,
Jackie



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We also pay respect and acknowledge Elders past, present and the future.

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