



Dear Colleagues,

Happy NAIDOC Week! I hope you have the opportunity to get out and about, connect with community and celebrate our rich and diverse culture.

This year's NAIDOC theme, 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud' celebrates the unyielding spirit of our communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.

"The resilience of mob, our shared experiences, collective memories and kinship is a source of tremendous pride.

"We honour the flame of the fire, kindling the sparks of pride and unity, igniting a renewed commitment to acknowledging, preserving, and sharing the cultural heritage that enriches our nation." National NAIDOC Committee Co-Chair, Aunty Lynette (Dr) Riley.

Our team had the privilege of partnering with key services to attend community events held last week including Northside NAIDOC Community Fun Day at Zillmere, the Buranga Widjung Justice Group community flag raising ceremony at Caboolture Town Square and the Mindle Bygul NAIDOC Family Day at Deception Bay.





On the 27th of June, we held our second annual Health Equity showcase at Eatons Hill. I was blown away by the attendance, with over 200 Elders, community members, staff and partnership organisations joining the gathering. We even had representatives from Mackay, Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, and Townsville HHS's joining us to learn about our health equity efforts and how this can be modelled back home in their communities.

An enormous amount of effort goes into the planning of these events, and I'd like to acknowledge and thank the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Team Events Committee for coordinating. Senior Police Liaison Officer, Moira Davis, summed up the day perfectly in her feedback –

"I really enjoyed listening, yarning and meeting up with new and familiar faces today. Can I also cheekily say that I don't think I yawned once while there 😊 – so I was really engaged and interested in all that was presented on the program. Congratulations to the team as I can appreciate the dedicated, hard work it takes to set up an event like this."

Our next consultation in September will be designed to begin to build our next Health Equity Strategy 2025 – 2028.

Until next time, stay safe and deadly,

Sherry Holzapfel.

We currently have no Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander coaches!

Become a coach and support our mob to be the best they can be at work.

To become a coach, you must complete the **Coaching Conversations Workshops** first. If you're interested in becoming a coach, please complete the EOI form by clicking here.

Please complete the EOI for by COB **17 July 2024**.

For more information on the Metro North Coaching Program, please email MNtraining@health.qld.gov.au

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Program

Meet our up and coming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leaders!

This awesome crew participated in the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership program, packed with two days of enriched development, and learning opportunities.

The program has been designed to equip participants with the skills necessary to excel in their current roles while fostering the confidence and professional growth essential for advancing in leadership roles.

Program participants will keep the momentum going with exclusive one-on-one mentoring from healthcare leaders across Metro North Health.

We are so proud of these staff members for taking part and are excited to follow them on their career journey as future leaders.




Jobs for mob!



Metro North Health and the broader HHSs have a couple of positions available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply. For list of current positions please see below:

Advertised position	Job link
Advanced Peer Worker - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Identified)	Job search Employment and jobs Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)
Palliative Care Engagement Officer (Identified)	Job search Employment and jobs Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)
Team leader - Indigenous Mental Health Intervention Program (Identified)	Job search Employment and jobs Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)

Health Practitioner - Advanced - Health Promotion/Public Health Officer - Identified	Job search Employment and jobs Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)
Midwife - Ngarrama Royal Midwifery Group Practice	Job search Employment and jobs Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)
Senior Clinician - Mental Health and Social Emotional Wellbeing (Identified)	Job search Employment and jobs Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)




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Urapun Muy by Deb Belyea


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'Urapun Muy' from the Koolow Kawaw Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means 'One Fire'. The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations. Afterall, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.

Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas. Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok.



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NAIDOC celebrations across Metro North Health

The Prince Charles Hospital

Tuesday 9 July 2024 from 12pm - 2pm
Community and Staff Gathering in the garden near the TPCH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander demountable

Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

Thursday 11 July 2024 from 11am - 12pm
NAIDOC Staff Event - A Health Journey - an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Experience, guest speaker presentation at the RBWH Education Centre Auditorium

Redcliffe Hospital

Wednesday 10 July 2024 from 10am - 2pm
Yarning Circle and cultural activities in the Staff Courtyard

Caboolture Satellite Hospital

Tuesday 9 July 2024 from 9:30am - 11:30am
Morning tea held in Meeting Room 1

Caboolture Hospital

Wednesday 10 July 2024 from 10am - 2pm
Lunch and NAIDOC celebrations in the CSB courtyard

Mental Health

Yarning circles and craft activities held across the inpatient wards



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Telehealth partnering with BTHV

The Healthcare Excellence and Innovation (HEI) Telehealth team and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Team have also partnered to telehealth enable the Better Together Health Van.

The van can now provide patients with telehealth appointments where appropriate, and provide broader reach for screening programs through telehealth. It also will provide opportunistic education about telehealth services.



Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social and Emotional Wellbeing Officers (Nickita Wylie and Aleacha Hopkins) will be conducting site visits during July and are available to provide holistic one-on-one support to Metro North Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers.

If you would like to make an appointment at one of the upcoming site visits, please email A_TSILTclinical_innovation_strategyMNH@health.qld.gov.au or you are welcome to drop by on the day and have a yarn with the team and say hello while on site.

Please see below a list of upcoming dates for a site visit near you:

Facility	Dates	Time
Kallangur Satellite Hospital	17/7/24 25/7/24	1pm – 3pm
Redcliffe Hospital	16/7/24 24/7/24	10am – 12pm
The Prince Charles Hospital Education Centre	18/7/24 29/7/24	1pm – 3pm
Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital	15/7/24 31/7/24	1pm – 3pm 10am - 12pm
STARS	15/7/24 31/7/24	1pm – 3.00pm 10am - 12pm
Caboolture Hospital	26/7/24 30/7/24	1pm – 3pm
Caboolture Satellite Hospital	17/7/24 25/7/24	1pm - 12pm
Community and Oral Health- Brighton 19th Avenue	16/7/24 24/7/24	1pm – 3pm
BIALA – City Community Health Centre	22/7/24	1pm – 3pm

If you have any questions or would like more information please visit the website by clicking the button below.

[Visit website](#)

NOW ONLINE! Talk About Newsletter June edition

The June edition of Talk-About Newsletter includes:

- Redcliffe Hospital Acknowledges Stolen Wages History
- Welcoming the new cohorts of Indigenous Cadets
- Nothing about us, without us: Disability Action Plan
- Celebrating Mabo Day
- Satellite Hospitals co-named with Traditional Owners

And much more!

Subscribe to the Talk-About Newsletter mailing list by emailing:

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[Read here](#)

Talk-About
The official newsletter of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Leadership Team
June 2024

Redcliffe Hospital Acknowledges Stolen Wages History

Metro North Health Executive staff presenting the plaque alongside respected Elders Uncle Gary Lubbo, Uncle David Wragge, and Uncle Roger Knox

Redcliffe Hospital has formally acknowledged the history of using stolen wages of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to build the hospital.

A special gathering was held during National Reconciliation Week with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, community members and staff, as a formal apology was delivered by the Acting Chief Executive of Metro North Health.

The apology was an opportunity to commence the healing journey with Elders past and present, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community affected by past government policies.

Historical government records show that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' wages and savings were regularly used by the Department of Native Affairs (and its successor agencies responsible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples) to offset government and departmental revenue by providing debentured loans to other agencies and corporate bodies. In doing so, it also enabled the development of Queensland through the building of infrastructure across the state, particularly the establishment and expansion of hospitals.

Acting Chief Executive Jane Hancock said the event was a momentous and historic occasion at Redcliffe Hospital to formally acknowledge the history of using stolen wages of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to build the hospital.

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New Indigenous Cadets!

Say hello to some of the new cadets starting their journey with us at Metro North Health!

In late May a special morning tea was held to welcome the new cadets into our hospital and

health service, and provide an opportunity for them to get to know each other.

The Indigenous Cadetship Program offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students a pathway to gain paid employment whilst undertaking their studies, and we are excited to share the program has now rolled out across the State!

Welcome back Henry!

Henry Nona has recently joined STARS as the new Cultural Capability Officer.

Henry was previously the Cultural Capability Officer at The Prince Charles Hospital where he was involved in the establishment of the Healing Garden and the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Henry identifies as both an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian. To read more about Henry and his plans for STARS in his role as the Cultural Capability Officer click link below.

[Read more here](#)



Metro North Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employee Journey

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Team (A&TSILT) in partnership with People and Culture have developed an Employee LifeCycle Journey document to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce with key services and supports available across Metro North Health.

[View document here](#)

Cultural Resources page now live on QHEPS!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Resources page is now available on QHEPS. Visit the page to access updated resources on Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country, recruitment, clinical support, safety and quality and additional Queensland Government resources.

If your area has created Metro North Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focused resources or you know of any additional resources to be added to the page, please reach out to A_TSILTCommsMNH@health.qld.gov.au.

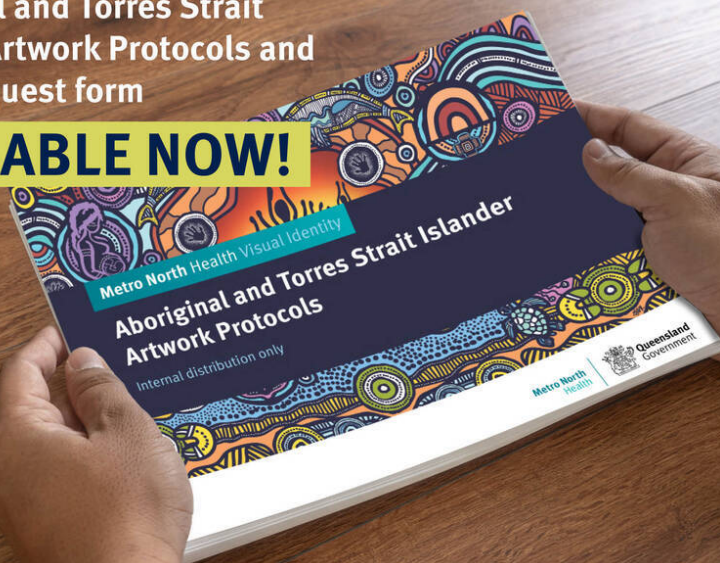


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Protocols

Artwork Request Form

Follow our new Instagram and LinkedIn pages 'Better Together – Our Health, Our Way' for all the latest news, updates and initiatives related to Health Equity.

The platforms celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce, good news stories, upcoming events, and job opportunities.



Join our journey towards achieving health equity at Metro North Health.



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ourhealthourway/>
LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/better-together-our-health-our-way>
Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/bettertogetherourhealthourway/>



Available for bookings now!

To book the van or to learn more, visit qheps.health.qld.gov.au/metronorth/atsilt/better-together-van

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Better Together Health Van now available for bookings!

We are now accepting bookings from Metro North Health services keen to utilise the Better Together Health Van.

The Better Together Health Van is available to support your service provide improved access, opportunistic screening measures, important health promotion and engagement activities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within the Metro North Health catchment area.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Team are available to assist you by connecting your service with local community.

For further information or If you would like to book the van please visit the [Better Together Health Van QHEPS page](#).

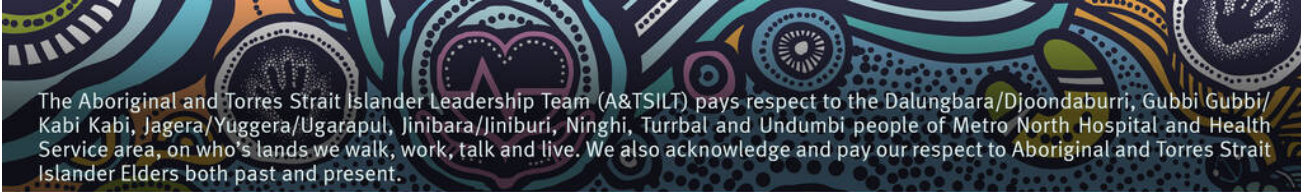
Do you have a good news story to share?

The A&TSILT Communications and Planning Team are always keen to share positive stories to our

community. If you have a photograph to share, a program update or just a good yarn, send through your contribution for Better Together Yarns, Talk-About Newsletter, Better Together Yarns ebulletin or our Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages to A_TSILTCommsMNH@health.qld.gov.au

Are you following us on social media?

Check out our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages for great stories and to stay up to date with the latest news!



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Team (A&TSILT) pays respect to the Dalungbara/Djoondaburri, Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi, Jagera/Yuggera/Ugarapul, Jinibara/Jiniburi, Ninghi, Turrbal and Undumbi people of Metro North Hospital and Health Service area, on who's lands we walk, work, talk and live. We also acknowledge and pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders both past and present.

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