



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which our facilities are built. We also pay respect and acknowledge Elders past, present and the future.

Kia Ora CKW.

Welcome to NAIDOC Week (7-14 July), which is dedicated to celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme is "Keep The Fire Burning – Blak, Loud and Proud".

The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We must ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel welcomed, supported and confident that they will be treated respectfully, safely and receive the highest quality care when at one of our facilities.

CKW has a great Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health team under Manager, Tracy Grant, including the new Senior Health Worker for the Bribie Island Satellite Hospital Belinda Jackson who started with us yesterday.



Last Monday, I represented CKW at the Metro North Health Deadly Start students' welcome day at Herston (picture left).

Six students will be at CKW this year in nursing and allied health.

CKW was also well represented at the Buranga Widjung Justice Group NAIDOC Week community flag raising ceremony at the Caboolture Town Square on Friday (pictures below) and the Mindle Bygul NAIDOC Family Fun Day at Deception Bay on Saturday.



Attending these community events ensures that the community understands we provide accessible and acceptable healthcare with a goal of equity in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Tomorrow (Wednesday 10 July), Caboolture Hospital will host a NAIDOC celebration and lunch at the Clinical Services Building Courtyard (moving the Lecture Theatre in case of wet weather).

The formal event will be held from 10am - 10.30am with an Acknowledgment to Country and dance performance by Undumbi Culture.

A barbecue lunch to follow from 10.30am to 12pm.

I encourage everyone to attend.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in organising events this week.

I also recommend you watch the vidcast with Chief Executive Jackie Hanson and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership Team Executive Director Sherry Holzapfel about the importance of NAIDOC Week and events across Metro North this week. A recording is available on QHEPS [here](#).

For more information, visit the [NAIDOC Week website](#).

Kind Regards,

Karlene and Tracy.

**Got a question
or suggestion for the
CKW Executive Director?**

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