



Dear team,

We always host some great events across the directorate, and over the past week there were some key ones that I would love to share.

Chermside Shining Star Awards

The executive team held its regular meeting at the Chermside Community Health Centre last week and we also had the opportunity to thank a few of our local shining stars.

Around a dozen staff were nominated. Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate a staff member during such a demanding period.

The winners of our Chermside Shining Star Awards are:

- **Jo Knight, Occupational Therapist (Picture above)** - For advocating for the wellbeing of staff and patients, while providing patient-centred solutions to challenges.
- **Susan (Susie) Shipway, Service Coordinator (Picture right)** - For being a quiet achiever who enriches her team and the care we provide.
- **Chris Halton, Registered Nurse** - For being known as the 'Gentle Giant' as a result of his amazing and compassionate care in the wound clinic.
- **Helen Perryer, Administration Officer** - For tackling every job with enthusiasm and supporting clinical services at a very high standard.
- **Shay Keogh, Social Worker** - For making sure she delivers the best outcomes for her clients, while providing exceptional support to her team.
- **Anthony Walsh, Occupational Therapist** - For seeking and delivering alternative ways to help patients.





And, a big congratulations to all of the Chermside Shining Star nominees who included:

- Jo Barker, Clinical Nurse
- Rachel Spemann, Clinical Nurse
- Yannis Kwong, Clinical Nurse
- Greta Wilkins, Registered Nurse
- Lindsay Woolacott, Physiotherapist
- Karen Jereza, Registered Nurse
- Aaron Bradicich, Registered Nurse.

I encourage all staff to keep an eye out for the COH Excellence Awards nomination process which will open early August - further detail to come!

Disability Pride Expo @ Brighton Wellness Hub

The Brighton Wellness Hub Rainbow Room held its first Disability Pride Month Mini Expo, which was a wonderful morning with a great turnout.

Visiting services joined in with information stalls including Headspace, Open Minds, Queensland Council, Carers Gateway and Carers Queensland.



Anton Cavalli, our Volunteer Peer Supporter from the Rainbow Room, was the key speaker and shared his inspiring story of gender transition, living with a disability, surviving cancer and embracing life.

I congratulate everyone who helped coordinate and make the Disability Pride Expo a truly colourful, impactful and wonderful event.



Just a reminder that Metro North will make a planned transition to Tier 2 in our Acute Respiratory Illness response plan on 23 July.

The main change for staff will be shifting meetings and training to virtual where feasible, except essential face-to-face training. Staff will continue to be encouraged to wear masks in clinical areas, in line with PPE guidelines.

Staff are also reminded to keep COVID and flu vaccinations and fit testing up to date, practice good hand hygiene and stay home if you're unwell. Visitors will also be encouraged to wear masks, sanitise hands on entry and exit and avoid visiting if they have respiratory illness symptoms.

A final shout out

Kris, a senior dental technician at the Caboolture Satellite Hospital, has spent her career devoted to making patients comfortable through the construction of dentures.

Kris is part of a team of dental technicians at the Caboolture Satellite Hospital dental clinic who undertake around 120 repairs and build new dentures each fortnight for eligible patients from Caboolture, Redcliffe, Kilcoy and Bribie Island.

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