

Dear team,

I am very pleased to open the nomination process for the 2024 Community and Oral Health Staff Excellence Awards.

We had a very successful awards program last year with a significant number of staff recognised at:

- [Caboolture Community Health Centre, Caboolture Dental Clinic and North Lakes Health Precinct;](#)
- [Brighton Health Campus, Cooina House and Chermside Community Health Centre;](#)
- [Stafford Dental Clinic;](#)
- [Metro North Oral Health Service and Children's Oral Health;](#) and the
- [Oral Health Centre.](#)

This year, we hope that the awards will be bigger and better as we lead into the Metro North Awards later in the year.



Please take the time to nominate those supportive, quite performing overachievers ... our COH Excellent Ones!

In 2024, we have some great categories up for grabs:

- People Focus
- Excellence in Innovation and Research
- Excellence in Performance
- Leadership
- Supporting Excellence in Care
- Excellence in Clinical Improvement
- Values in Action
- Improving First Nations Health
- Annual Shining Star Award.

The 2024 awards are open to both staff from the Metro North Oral Health Service and Community services (unfortunately excluding the Oral Health Centre due to recent governance changes).

Nominations are open until COB Thursday, 29 August 2024.

For further detail and guidelines got to the [COH Staff Excellence Awards QHEPs page](#).

[TO NOMINATE A 'COH EXCELLENT ONE' CLICK HERE OR THE IMAGE BELOW ...](#)

Community and Oral Health

Staff Excellence Awards 2024

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qheps.health.qld.gov.au/metronorthcommunity/about/events/sea

A very significant milestone for Karen

Not many of us get the chance to celebrate 40 years of service caring for others.

I had the pleasure of catching up with our Nursing Director Education Karen Lush and the education team to acknowledge this important milestone in her career (and a couple of missing milestones as well).



We had hoped it would be a well-kept secret but with so many people attending the event it was hard to keep it under wraps.

Now, not many of you would know this but Karen was in line to become a radio announcer / news reader / reporter but life's lessons saw her grab the opportunity to become a nurse and a mentor for many staff over many decades.

Congratulations Karen for such a wonderful achievement.

Tier 2 and what it means for you

This week we transition to Tier 2 in our Acute Respiratory Illness Response Plan and as a result there are few things we are encouraging all staff to do. Please:

- Continue wearing masks in clinical areas, following [PPE guidelines](#).
- Ensure your flu and COVID vaccinations are up to date, along with annual fit testing.
- Maintain compliance with mandatory training programs.
- Stay home if feeling unwell.
- Consult with your line manager regarding specific requirements outlined in your local workplace plan.

Nurse-led walk-in clinic opportunities

Our new nurse-led walk-in clinic located at 316 Adelaide Street Brisbane opens on 30 September 2024 with recruitment opportunities now open for nursing and administration staff.

The clinic will provide care for patients with non-life-threatening minor injury or illness needing urgent attention, as well as trauma-informed and women-focused services.

Services offered at the nurse-led walk-in clinic will be provided by a team including nurse practitioners, clinical nurse consultants, clinical nurses and administrative staff.

For recruitment opportunities please visit <https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/careers/nurse-led-clinic>

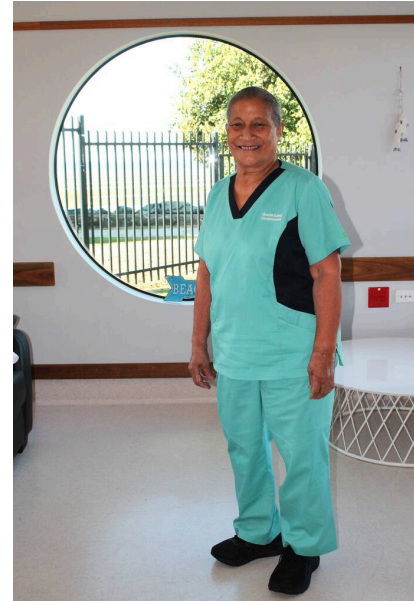
A final shout out

You don't have to talk to Gannet House's Aoifou Fili for too long to understand why she was awarded the Metro North Health Assistant in Nursing for 2024.

While Aoifou is a quiet achiever, her compassionate nature and kindness is clearly evident in the way she speaks, her gentle manner and the way she is described by her colleagues.

The Assistant in Nursing at Gannet House has a genuine and natural willingness to put others first, especially the care she provides to the elderly and her family.

[Read more ...](#)



Glynis Schultz
Executive Director
Community and Oral Health

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.