



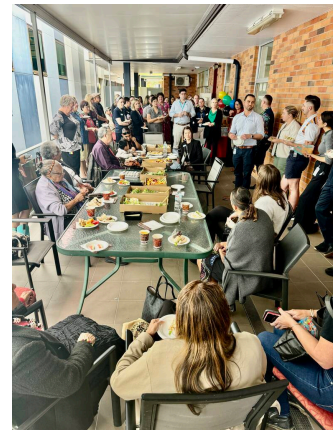
Dear team,

It's been a big week at TPCH, both in terms of our clinical activity and in important events at the hospital.

With Tami taking some well-earned leave this week, I'm filling in as Acting Executive Director until next Thursday—a big thanks to Jeff Rowland who is acting as Director Operations EPIC during this time.

NAIDOC Week at TPCH

TPCH's celebrations for NAIDOC Week were bigger than ever. The centrepiece of our celebrations was a gathering and lunch arranged by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services that saw around 70 staff and community members attend (right).



Kallangur Satellite Hospital (Kalangoor), the Allied Health team, and Ward 1G (below) all held their own celebrations, which were well attended.

Another highlight was the special NAIDOC Week edition of Grand Rounds on Thursday: *First Nation's Science Supporting Western Medicine*, presented by proud Gangulu Woman Dr Sam Toby.



That session discussed the opportunities to learn from and improve clinical care with traditional medicine and bush food.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our celebrations this week. I encourage everyone to learn more about the history and [significance of NAIDOC Week](#) and this year's theme: *Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud, and Proud.*

Winter Warmer success

On Wednesday evening, our Executive Leadership Team members ladled out hundreds of bowls of delicious soup to staff members as part of our Soup-er Winter Warmer.

The soup (and chocolates) were a small thank-you for everyone's hard work over the winter months. After listening to staff feedback, we decided to hold this event



in the evening to allow staff who don't work during the day to benefit too. Thank you to everyone who came along and those who helped make the event such a success.

Flu and COVID

We're only at the halfway mark of the winter months and we're still seeing lots of flu, COVID, and other respiratory illnesses in our hospital and community.

In the CE's message today, it was announced that Metro North will be making a planned transition to Tier 2 in our Acute Respiratory Illness response plan on Tuesday, 23 July. The change will mean we'll be asking everyone to shift meetings and non-essential training from face-to-face to Teams.

Along with this change, we'll maintain our vigilance around things like hand hygiene, PPE use when required, and staying home when unwell.

It's also time to check if you're due (or overdue) for a refit of your P2/N95 masks.

Currently, across TPCH, our fit test compliance rate is sitting at around 61%. This means a lot of people are overdue for a refit. If you're one of them, please [make an appointment](#) as soon as possible.

Staff Profile

This week's staff profile is Emma Wynd. Emma is the Nurse Unit Manager for Cancer Care Services and has been at TPCH for 18 years.

As NUM, Emma manages the Outpatient area for Cancer Care patients, which includes clinics for Medical Oncology, Haematology and Radiation Oncology, and treatments in the Day Oncology Unit.

Being a small unit, she says her team can see the difference they make and gets to build strong connections with the people they care for.

Emma says that sometimes the job can be tough, but being surrounded by good people makes the hard days easier – and she values teamwork above all else.



Transplant program benchmarking

This week, TPCH hosted a range of leading medical and nursing transplant clinicians from across Australia to benchmark our transplant program. Our guests included colleagues and peers from St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, The Alfred in Melbourne, Fiona Stanley in Perth and the Doherty Institute. It was a valuable opportunity for TPCH to showcase some of the excellent work our hospital does every day and to learn and share knowledge about new models of care and clinical best practices.

Year of the Child, Adolescent and Young Adult

On Monday, I joined representatives from across Metro North to launch the Year of the Child, Adolescent and Young Adult. The Year will be an opportunity for an added focus on the care

for those between 0 and 25 years.

I encourage everyone to find out more about the Year of the Child, Adolescent and Young Adult at next Wednesday's Vidcast from 10am with Metro North Chief Executive Jackie Hanson and the Executive Director, Women's and Families Stream, Professor Leonie Callaway.



Closing thought

After the Winter Warmer on Wednesday night, I took some of the leftover chocolates to each ward. As I approached 1G, I noticed the team enjoying their soup together. It prompted me to reflect on how seldom we stop and have moments like that as a team, because we're so focused on consistently providing the best care for our patients.

Seeing that team share that time was a reminder that team connection is so important for our own individual well-being. Enjoyment at work, like the simple act of having a coffee or meal together, can make a big difference.

Geoff Grima
A/Executive Director

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



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