



Dear team,

The Prince Charles Hospital and Metro North Health will make a planned transition to Tier 2 in our Acute Respiratory Illness Response Plan next Tuesday (23 July).

The change reflects what many of us are seeing in the wider community, with modelling indicating we will be seeing even more flu, COVID, and respiratory illnesses toward the end of this month.

You may also have noticed some new signs around the campus (right) this week encouraging patients and visitors to wear masks - especially those who are immunocompromised.

Along with preventing the spread of respiratory infections, we are mindful that there are a lot of construction works at the hospital currently.

This request is in addition to the many measures that construction contractors and builders have in place to ensure public safety, including ongoing air quality monitoring and dust suppression.

Thank you to everyone who has checked their fit testing status and when they are due for a refit. If you are due (or overdue), please [make an appointment](#) as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about what being on [Tier 2 of the ARI means](#) for you and your work area, please talk to your NUM or line manager.

Celebrating Multicultural Day

Great work by Group Linen Services this week, celebrating Multicultural Day by sharing a delicious lunch with team members.

The lunch brought the team together to share the food, music, and dance from 19 different cultures. The lunch is an annual event for the team, which prides itself on its diversity and allows the team to showcase their culture and traditions that they are proud of.





NAIDOC Week Grand Rounds

There was a great response to our special NAIDOC Week Grand Rounds last Thursday, featuring Dr Sam Toby and her presentation on First Nation's science supporting western medicine.

For those who missed that presentation, the Medical Education team and Metro North Online have arranged for the session to be [available for](#)

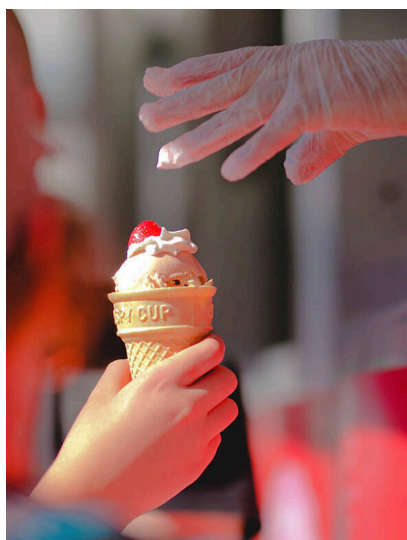
[all staff to view.](#)

Coming of the Light celebration

All staff are invited to join our Coming of the Light Festival celebration next Friday (26 July) from 10am in the Mark O'Brien Auditorium in the Education Centre.

Please RSVP

to: culturalcapabilityofficertpch@health.qld.gov.au.



Ekka Strawberry Sundae volunteers needed

Ekka Strawberry Sundaes are an Ekka tradition for tens of thousands of Queenslanders, and they help fund life-changing research through The Common Good.

To make that tradition a reality again this year, The Common Good is calling for volunteers to serve those 120,000+ sundaes across the nine-day show.

In particular, TPCH staff are invited to volunteer their own time to assist this very worthy cause between Saturday 10 August and Sunday 18 August for the evening night shift between 5pm and 9:30pm. Find out more about [how to volunteer here.](#)

Staff Profile

Our staff profile this week is administration officer Noah Leadbetter.

Noah is all about being a team player, and when he's not working in SOPD reception, he plays AFL for the Zillmere Eagles.

Noah has been with TPCH for only six or seven months, having previously worked in one of the surgical wards at Redcliffe. He says his favourite thing about working at TPCH is the team members he works with and finding solutions for patients needing to reschedule or rearrange their appointments.

Noah is also studying exercise physiology with the goal of kicking on with a career in professional sports.

It's great to have Noah on our team.



Car parking information for staff

This week, the Expansion Project team provided updated information about the alternative parking arrangements that will be in place until the new multi-storey car park opens in 2025. A new [fact sheet is available](#), along with answers to some [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Please take some time to look through the fact sheet, and if you still have questions - please email the TPCH Expansion Project team at: MNH-TPCH-Expansion@health.qld.gov.au.

TPCH Charlies Week

On Monday, all staff are invited to attend our first TPCH Charlies Week planning meeting from 11am to 12 noon. The meeting will be held on Teams, and we're keen to hear everyone's ideas on how we can make TPCH Week a great celebration for everyone!

Join the session on Teams next Monday from 11am - [join here](#).

Closing thought

This will be my last A/Executive Director message, as Tami will return on Monday.

Being A/Executive Director has given me a bird's-eye view of the organisation. I have met teams I would not usually meet in my Operations role, such as the outpatient team featured in the picture to the right.

I want to thank everyone for supporting me during this role, and I look forward to working with you all in my Operations role.

Thank you to those working the weekend and for those lucky enough to have the weekend off, have a lovely break.



Geoff Grima
A/Executive Director

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.



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