



Dear Colleagues

What a pleasure it has been this past month to attend so many incredible events across our organisation. From Health Equity events celebrating NAIDOC, the Cancer Alliance Queensland 20th Anniversary, and the Extraordinary Power of Giving held by the RBWH foundation, I along with other members of our Board, continue to be grateful for the work and dedication of those working towards providing high quality care for our consumers in Metro North Health and Queensland.

Celebrating a Career of Impact and Inspiration

At our Board meeting this month, we expressed our deepest gratitude to Kate Copeland, Executive Director Strategy, Planning, Assets, Infrastructure and Strategic Developments, as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement. For many years, Kate has been a cornerstone of our Metro North Team, embodying the values of dedication, integrity, and excellence.

Kate's achievements, guidance, and commitment have set the standard and paved the way for future success across our organisation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kate for her extraordinary service and wish her a retirement filled with joy and new adventures.

Bribie Island Satellite Hospital Opening Premier / Minister walk through – 3 July

On the 3rd of July, I had the opportunity to join our Premier and the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women, for a walk-through of the new Bribie Island Satellite Hospital. One of Metro North Health's highest priorities is to provide equitable access to the highest quality healthcare for all our consumers. The Bribie Island Satellite Hospital will offer an alternative care pathway for the local community, bringing services closer to home that were previously unavailable. The second stage of the Bribie Island development will see Cancer Services made available, a much-needed service for the local community. I want to share our gratitude to all staff and partners who have collaborated to make this possible and look forward to hearing the impact the Satellite Hospital delivers for our communities.

Foundations Contributing to Excellence

This month has demonstrated the tremendous dedication of staff, partners, and stakeholders in contributing to excellence.

I had the pleasure of attending The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation Research Awards on the 22nd July. The annual ceremony honoured the exceptional researchers who have been awarded grant funding. There were 49 grants given out at the event including:

- 14 new investigator grants
- 7 special initiative and project grants
- 3 TPCH collaborative seed grants
- 9 innovation grants
- 3 innovation and capacity building grants
- 6 equipment grants
- 4 research fellowships
- 3 PhD scholarships

Congratulations to all recipients, and I look forward to hearing the outcomes of your important work.



The Honourable Jane Prentice and I were also pleased to attend the RBWH Foundation – The Extraordinary Power of Giving event on the 24th of July. The Foundation supports the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital (RBWH), the Surgical Treatment and Rehabilitation Service (STARS), Redcliffe Hospital, and numerous prestigious research institutes and centres at the Herston Health Precinct. Generosity from donors provides essential time for researchers to develop breakthrough treatments, allows doctors to explore new diagnoses and deliver the best possible care, and gives families more precious moments with their loved ones, filled with hope for the future. The event was a tremendous occasion, showcasing the remarkable work being done and the impressive outcomes achieved. Thank you to Simone Garske and each of the RBWH Foundation board members for their continued commitment supporting our community. It was inspiring to witness firsthand the dedication and impact of the Foundation's efforts.

Thank you all for being part of this important journey and making a real difference in the lives of those we support.

Regards,
Bernard Curran
Board Chair

A summary of the Metro North Board meeting is [available online](#).
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