



Dear team,

The feedback from the Bond University medical students who were recently on placement at the Brighton Health Campus, was a testament to the multidisciplinary teamwork that happens at Brighton.

Thanks to each staff member who engaged with and supported the students during their placement. You have made a lasting impression on what we hope may be COH's future workforce.

Having medical students on campus was a first for COH and the placement was largely due to Dr Pallavi Bansal, Clinical Director, Rehabilitation who saw an opportunity to grow our medical footprint and was the driving force behind this great partnership.

Bond University was so impressed that we expect we will have more students across other disciplines including palliative care.

Not only will COH contribute to the growth in the medical workforce within Metro North, but we are also preparing the workforce for the future to work in community and sub-acute services.

### **Health Equity targets for oral health exceeded**

I just want to acknowledge some great work of the Metro North Oral Health Service and all of the dental health teams in the community supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Last financial year, we exceeded the target for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by close to 7,000 occasions of service.

In total, 22,872 oral health care appointments were provided last year.

This is an amazing achievement and highlights the great work of all of our dedicated oral health teams. Thank you!

### **Wear it Purple Day - Friday 30 August**

Our Rainbow Room team are asking that all services take the time to promote Wear it Purple Day to show their support of the LGBTIQ+ community.

On 30 August 2024, 'Wear It Purple Day' will unite LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to shine a



light on the thousands of schools, community organisations, universities and workplaces that are coming together to create a more inclusive future for all Australians.



By wearing purple, we demonstrate to rainbow young people that they are celebrated and respected, acknowledging all have the right to be proud of who they are and who they are becoming.

Please share your photos and event details by emailing [COH-Engagement@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:COH-Engagement@health.qld.gov.au)

**Only a few weeks to nominate - So please take the time!**

If you look back through all of my recent messages you will see many staff and teams highlighted for their exceptional work.

Given there is only a few weeks left, now is the time to nominate a 'COH excellent one' for the 2024 COH Staff Excellence Awards.

There are quite a few categories up for grab this year including and not limited to clinical improvement, support, values in action and leadership.

Please take the time to [nominate a colleague or team today!](#)

**Compliment - Redcliffe Dental Clinic**

*"I would just like to compliment the staff at your clinic. I have been attending the Redcliffe and Herston clinic for the past five years and cannot praise them enough for their courtesy, respect, workmanship, manners and kindness shown to me over that time.*

*"In particular, I want to thank Eve and Adam from Redcliffe Dental Clinic and Carol Henderson from the Oral Health Centre who in the course of the treatment referred me to Dr Hu of the Maxifacial Unit who treated me with the same respect and attention.*

*"Please pass on my thanks for the way they treat and deliver services to people in our area."*

### **A final shout out**

Helping people regain and maintain their independence is at the heart of what inspires Senior Physiotherapist Erin Victor each and every day.

Erin has been delivering rehabilitation programs in community settings like the Burpengary Leisure Centre and North Lakes Health Precinct for the past four and half years.

"I find that you have more control in community setting and you see so many patient success stories," Erin said.



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**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.*