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Executive Message

Metro North Health



Chief Executive Adj. Prof. Jackie Hanson



Dear colleagues,

This week has been a key week for our researchers across Metro North Health, where we have seen various events take place to showcase the work of our clinical academics, innovators and PHD students culminating in the [Metro North Research Excellence Awards](#) last night.

I would like to thank the board members who attended including Board Chair Bernard Curran, Dr Meg Cairns and Dr Shea Sperrings. Congratulations to all the finalists as well as the Metro North Office of Research on an outstanding event. A particularly big congratulations to our winners, including:

- **Discovery Research Award**
- Winner: Technological Advances and Improved Patient Outcomes following Intraoperative Cell Salvage
- **Clinical Research Award**
- Winner: Optimising the perioperative care of patients with obesity
- **Research Implementation Award**
- Winner: HELIX Implementation Capacity Building Program (HELIX4Implementation)
- **Research Support Award**
- Winner: RBWH Enhancing impactful research and QQuality improvement In Physiotherapy (EQUIP) team
- **Partnering with Consumers in Research Award**
- Winner: Jennifer Muller
- **Professor Joan Webster Award**
- Winner: Professor Jed Duff
- **Rising Star Award**
- Winner: Associate Professor Matthew Roberts
- **Researcher of the Year Award**
- Winner: Professor Leonie Callaway
- **Chief Executive Award**
- Winner: Dr Tania Crough

It is also important to recognise the support of our sponsors and foundations as we couldn't do this without them.

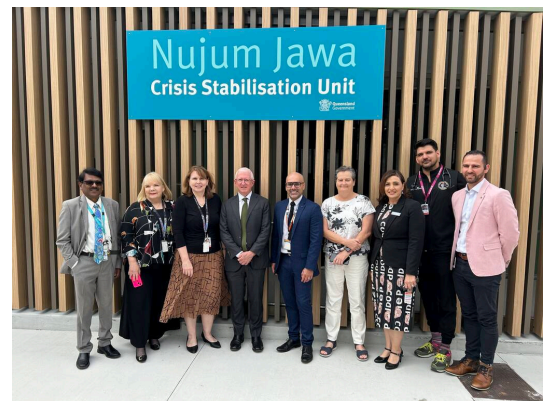
Research is integral to our work at Metro North Health, driving change for our patients and consumers to ensure innovation and improvement in the care we provide. We are proud of our research culture and the incredible work that comes out of our teams.

Earlier this week the Herston Health Precinct Research Symposium was held on the Herston campus over three days, where we saw over 830 attendees. The event was full of many incredible abstracts, poster displays, oral presentations, panels and exhibition tables and was a huge success.

Yesterday I attended the Metro North Health Research Summit. Thanks to the [Metro North Office of Research](#) for a first of its kind event held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre prior to the awards. It was inspiring to be in a room of some of the brightest and best minds leading healthcare research and to hear shared experiences of how they have tackled challenges in this space.

Nujum Jawa ready for patients at The Prince Charles Hospital

The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women attended The Prince Charles Hospital on Thursday to announce the opening of our new Mental Health Crisis Stabilisation Unit, formally named Nujum Jawa. This unit will provide short-stay emergency care for those in mental health distress.

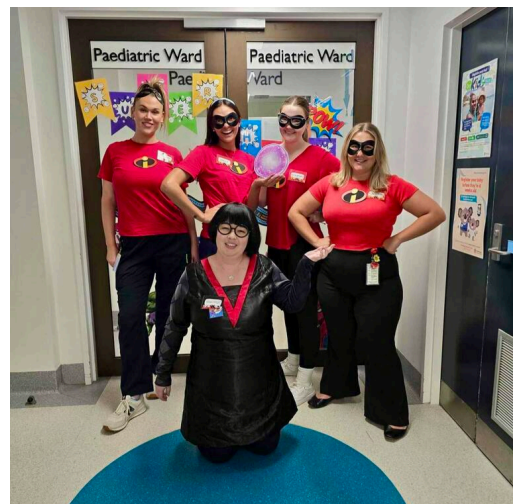


Paediatrics in focus

This year we are 'focussing on the first quarter' with the year of the Child Adolescent and Young Adult (CAYA.) In line with this, I'd like to make mention of a few things in the paediatrics space this week.

- The Paediatric Statement of Choices is a values-based document used across Queensland Health to record a child or young person's views, wishes and preferences for healthcare. While it is not legally binding, it is intended to inform and guide those making decisions on behalf of a young patient. It's important we recognise the wishes of our young patients. You can familiarise yourself with this document, [here](#).
- It is Child Protection Week this week, an important week to raise the profile of issues connected with child protection and support for children, young people, and families. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge our Metro North staff who work in this space and advocate for children, we appreciate you.
- Metro North is currently in the process of establishing a workshop to discuss the future of Paediatric Services across our organisation. We know paediatrics is a key area for us and we are committed to making sure the space is resourced and run in the best way possible. We will continue to update you as we know more.

While on the topic of our youngest patients, I'd like to recognise some real-life superheros at Redcliffe Hospital – some of the paediatric ward team, who dressed up this week to raise funds and awareness for muscular dystrophy in children. In addition to fundraising for this cause, they brought many smiles to the kids at the hospital.



Happy 1st birthday to the Metro North IWFM Roster Support Office

Wednesday was a special day for this team, celebrating one year in action, helping our line managers in using IWFM for direct rostering.

We know that rostering is a critical element of our health service, and this team has worked to make the transition to direct rostering as seamless as possible, designing the architecture behind the rosters and assisting managers in the process. Thank you to this team for your hard work and congrats on this milestone.

Regards,

Jackie

Chief Allied Health Practitioner
Mark Butterworth



It is my privilege to be the MN Executive Sponsor for improving outcomes for people with disability across our health care service.

This means a focus on both our diverse staff profile, and people with disability in our community.

Over the last fortnight, like many of you, I have enjoyed watching and celebrating more Australian Champion's sporting glory at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Queensland Disability Conference, hosted by valued community partners, Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN), the peak body representing people with disability in our community.

Amongst many important discussions at the conference was a discussion regarding what Brisbane 2032 Olympics & Paralympics will bring, and how we must use the opportunity to build a legacy of accessible and inclusive design to our community.

One key achievement in Metro North, worthy of a Gold Medal, has been Caboolture Hospital achieving Queensland Health's first accredited 'Changing Place'. You can learn more about Changing Places [here](#).

Congratulations to all teams involved in achieving this milestone status for Metro North Health, and good luck to our Aussie Paralympians!

Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
Adj. Prof. Alanna Geary



Wow...it is September already! The year is flying by. The weather is very interesting, with warm days, cooler nights and temperatures ranging from 25-36. I dread to think what our summer heat may be like. I have had a very busy few months personally and professionally, so thought I would take the opportunity to provide you with some updates on upcoming events and opportunities and fill you in on my world also.

I'm excited to share that the Diploma of Patient Safety Coaching by the Australian Institute of Professional Coaches with the Clinical Skills Development Service (CSDS) is now open for enrolments. This course offers a unique chance to enhance your skills in fostering a patient safety culture and improving healthcare delivery. By enrolling, you'll gain advanced coaching techniques to lead more effectively, support your team's well-being, and drive positive change in patient care. I encourage you to consider this opportunity to advance your leadership skills and contribute to our ongoing commitment to patient safety. For more

details and to register, please visit [CSDS - Diploma of Patient Safety Coaching](#).

The inaugural Metro North Nursing and Midwifery Showcase: Excellence in Action to be held at the Herston Education Centre on Friday 15th November offers an opportunity for nurses and midwives in Metro North to share and highlight advancements in research, education, and quality improvement. Discover how nursing and midwifery led initiatives are advancing healthcare and improving patient outcomes and experiences. The Showcase webpage is now [live](#). Registrations are now open. They close on 27 October.



In addition, I would like to welcome the many new members who have joined the QUT/MN Nursing and Midwifery Academy. Numbers are increasing and this is such a great opportunity to showcase our wonderful professions, value add to ensure best practice models of care and professional development for all our staff and support our workforces for the future. Such initiatives as the Nursing and Midwifery research internships, the nurses supporting nurses' initiative, involvement in research collaborations are fine examples of what can be achieved with collective wisdom. It doesn't matter if you are a new graduate or have been around the traps for 100 years (like me), the Academy is a great way to be involved in some fabulous opportunities and value-add to the profession that you love. This unique collaboration with our academic partners QUT is a world leading initiative and one to be proud to be part of and contribute to as a member. If you would like further information on how you can get involved and complete a membership application, please don't hesitate to reach out to MN_NM_ResearchandAcademy@health.qld.gov.au. Membership is easy, no cost and just contributing through ideas, innovation and being involved in initiatives.

I would like to congratulate all the nominees and winners at last evening's Metro North Research Excellence Awards. A big shout out to all the Nurses and Midwives who were nominated or won an award, but it would be remiss of me to not mention Professor Jed Duff who won the prestigious Professor Joan Webster Award for Nursing and Midwifery Research. It was a wonderful event and Jed was such a deserving winner. Makes me so very proud to see the significant contribution our nurses and midwives make to the growing body of research in Metro North. We are second to none and you should be very proud of your commitment to the health service and to research more broadly.

My husband and I welcomed the very cute Oliver Jacob into our family on the 19th of June. At the moment his big sister still believes that he is wonderful, but it will only be a matter of time before he will be getting into her things, and she will be unhappy with him. I love being a grandparent and for my husband and I that is seven to date. Grandparenting gives me a balance between my busy work life and home and I strongly believe that it is important to ensure that we take time for ourselves. Remember we work in busy professions and time out is important and family can be the glue that keeps it all together and puts life into perspective. Please always make sure to look after what is important to you and to your family.

Until next time, stay safe and take care.

Alanna



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