

Metro North Health

# Message from the Acting Executive Director Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

Daniel Francis



Hi CKW,

My time at CKW is almost at an end, as I will be handing the reins back over to Karlene next Tuesday 3 September.

I'd like to thank you all for your hospitality, and I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the community here.

It is important to acknowledge the continuing high level of patient demand that the hospital is experiencing right now. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, so thank you for your dedication during this time.

As I have already mentioned, if you have excess leave, I would really encourage you to start thinking about taking a break to refresh and recharge. Consider speaking with your line manager to see what's possible.

Mandatory training compliance was a topic of discussion at this week's performance meeting, and while I realise that we are all busy, I do want to stress that it is very important for everyone to stay up to date. Please ensure your mandatory fire and evacuation are complete by the end of September.

## Call for presenters at the 2024 Research Symposium

The fourth annual CKW Research Symposium will be held at the Caboolture Hospital Education and Skills Centre Lecture Theatre on Wednesday 16 October. You can also join online via [Microsoft Teams](#).

Presentations are invited from staff, collaborators, and students on:

### Research/QI project - planned or in progress

(5-minute presentation)

### Research/QI project - completed

(8-minute presentation)

The aim of the CKW Research Symposium is to provide an annual forum to recognise, celebrate and promote research and quality improvements activities at CKW.

Please submit by Monday, 16 September [here](#).

## Jersey Day

It was great to see the Specialist Outpatients Department get behind Jersey Day - a day to raise awareness for organ and tissue donation.

National 'Jersey Day' is a legacy of teenager Nathan Gremmo who donated his organs and tissues in 2015 at the age of just 13, saving the lives of six people.

A reminder that it only takes one minute to register as an organ and tissue donor at [donatelife.gov.au](https://donatelife.gov.au) or with three taps on your Express Plus Medicare app. Don't forget to tell your family you want to be a donor – someone's life depends on it.



### **Wear it Purple Day**

It was also great to see purple around the campus today for Wear it Purple Day.

By wearing purple on this day of celebration, shows LGBTQIA+ people that they are celebrated and have the right to be proud of who they are.

We celebrate the accomplishments of LGBTQIA+ people who can be role models for the future generations and we can dream of brighter and more inclusive futures.

Thanks to Pride in Metro North for putting together a morning tea today.



### **Child Protection Week**

Child Protection Week 2024 runs from 1-7 September. Every child in every community needs a fair go.

This year's theme 'every conversation matters' acknowledges that conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

There will be a stall every day next week in the foyer area near the lifts. I welcome you all to go along and have a chat to the team.

Protecting children is everyone's business.

Visit the National Child Protection Week website [here](#).

### **Workplace RAP Barometer 2024**

Share your views with Reconciliation Australia on our organisation's reconciliation commitment.

As part of our commitment to Health Equity and Reconciliation, CKW is taking part in the Australian Reconciliation Barometer survey and we need your feedback.

The Barometer is a biennial, national research study, undertaken by Reconciliation Australia and is the only survey in Australia that measures the progress of reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians.

As the Co-Chairs of our CKW Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group, Janita Adams,

Cultural Capability Officer, and Parker Michaels, Manager of Consumer and Community Engagement, say we have done a lot to progress towards reconciliation, but there is still more to do.

Your voice is important and we want you to share what is working and what can still be improved.

The survey should only take about 15 minutes of your time and you can complete it at work or at home, whichever is most convenient for you. The survey will be open until COB 20 September 2024.

To start the survey please click [here](#).

Please feel free to contact either Janita Adams or Parker Michaels if you have any questions or would like further information, or email: [cabrap@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:cabrap@health.qld.gov.au)

Thank you for your continued support of our CKW Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group – we really appreciate your commitment to Reconciliation at CKW.



### CKW superheroes!

Some of the paediatric staff dressed up to celebrate Book Week this week. The costumes were well received by the kids and families on the ward and in emergency. One child on the paediatric ward who was in for blood work, would only have them done if the fairy was present. Thank you for bringing Book Week to our little patients, and for bringing smiles to their faces.

Pictured: Belinda (Bel) Mathieson (NN paediatrics) – Dinosaur riding cowgirl; Xuan Pham (Medical Student) – Yoda; Paige Evans (Paed registrar) – Alice in Wonderland; Sunam Kooner (Paeds Intern) – Fairy from the “Rainbow Magic” books.



### We are now a registered Changing Places facility

I am pleased to announce that Caboolture Hospital is the first hospital in Queensland to be registered with Changing Places!

A Changing Places toilet facility allows people with high support needs to participate in all elements of community life, without having to limit their time out due to concerns about being able to access a suitable toilet. This is a massive win for our community who need an accessible change space and bathroom.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this happen. For more information and to find a Changing Places near you, click [here](#).



### Positions vacant

- [Safety and Quality Compliance Officer - Caboolture Hospital](#)

**Finally,**

Thank you again for the support that has been provided to me during my short period here at CKW.

I have really enjoyed my time, have met some new friends, and been so impressed by the incredible dedication and care provided across all our facilities and teams.

Kind Regards,

Daniel.

*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.*