

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COH

Metro North Health

Glynis Schultz



Dear team

It was great to see all of the nominations for the 2024 Community and Oral Health Staff Excellence Awards.

An impressive **81 staff** were individually named and nominated, and a further **10 teams** are to be considered for the award categories this year.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate a fellow staff member or team, this was an exceptional effort.

Throughout September and October, we will deliver a number of Staff Excellence Awards ceremonies at various sites based on the winners' locations.

In the coming weeks, our judges will have the difficult task of looking at all the nominations and identifying our winners.

The winners will receive a local award and trophy donated by QSuper and be considered for the Metro North Health awards later in the year.



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**Well done to all the nominees listed below (some of which received multiple nominations!)**

### Excellence in clinical improvement

- Alice Smart, Nurse Unit Manager, Central Patient Intake Unit
- Dr Bill Lukin, Clinical Director, Community Palliative Care Service
- Stephanie Hadikusumo, Director of Medical Services, COH
- Samantha Whacker, Registered Nurse, Childrens Oral Health Service

### Excellence in performance

- Therese Wilson, Administrative Officer, Metro North Oral Health Service
- Justin Vandermaat, Principal Data Analyst, Data and Reporting Team
- Sandra Hurst, Principal Data Analyst, Data and Reporting Team
- Andrea Keating, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Hospital in the Home
- Business Advisory Services, COH
- Lina Hunter, Business Improvement and Planning Manager, Metro North Oral Health Services

- Healthy Ageing Assessment and Rehabilitation Team, Kallangur Satellite Hospital
- Samantha Creed, Registered Nurse, Stafford Dental Clinic
- Lainie White, Manager, Corporate Services

### Leadership

- Karen Donovan, Administration Officer, GP Oral Health Services
- Emma Obst, Health Information Manager, Medical Services
- Sandra Hurst, Principal Data Analyst, Data and Reporting Team
- Dr June Chia, Clinical Director of General and Geriatric Medicine, COH
- Jayne Stevenson, Senior Director of Clinical Operations, COH
- Kym Murphy, Program Manager, QAS Falls Co-Responder Program
- Lainie White, Manager, Corporate Services
- Mary Wheeldon, Director, Innovation and Research Centre
- Jung Reynolds, A/Advanced Oral Health Therapist, Children and Adolescent Oral Health Service
- Eleanor Thompson, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Rapid Access to Community Care

### People focus

- Healthy Ageing Assessment and Rehabilitation Team
- Tracey Lea, Facility Manager, Facility Support
- Gen Lewis, Dental Assistant, Children and Adolescent Oral Health Service
- Kim Gordon, Senior Finance Officer, Metro North Oral Health Service
- Alison Stanford, NDIS Co-ordinator, COH
- Dr Bill Lukin, Director, Community Palliative Care Services
- Param Kaur, Frail and Older Person Nurse Navigator, COH
- Tori Demopoulos, Senior Occupational Therapist, Complex Chronic Disease Team
- Bright N' Sparks Dementia Choir

### Improving First Nations Health

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Team

### Supporting excellence in care

- Community Transition Care Program
- Joanne Brennan, CNC Diabetes Educator, Management Medicine
- Sarah Scott, Business Practice Improvement Officer, Clinical Operation

### Values in action

- Mishmy Joseph, Associate Nurse Unit Manager, Gannet House
- Julie Sochacki, Assistant Manager, Corporate Services
- Tracey Hinchliff, Co-ordinator Equipment and Assets, COH
- Community Palliative Care Service - Social Work team
- Pascale Goldberg, Senior Physiotherapist, Healthy Ageing Assessment and Rehabilitation Team
- Michaela Jackson, Advanced Speech Pathologist, Rehabilitation
- Belinda Sawtell, Nursing Director, Residential Aged Care
- Ashley Edmonds, Senior Physiotherapist, Halwyn Centre
- Eleanor Thompson, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Rapid Access to Community Care



## 2024 Shining Star award nominees

All of the winners of the monthly Shining Star awards have been considered for this category.

Additionally, further nominations were received as part of the 2024 Community and Oral Health Staff Excellence Awards nomination process.

These deserving staff follow:



### Caboolture Dental Clinic

- Hayley Longhurst, Dental Assistant

### North Lakes Health Precinct

- Justin Vandermaat, Principal Data Analyst, Data and Reporting Team

### Sandgate Dental Clinic

- Shandel Lea Thomas Clark, Acting Senior Dental Assistant

### COH

- Dr Kathryn Pugh, Rehabilitation Physician
- Bree White, Administration Officer, Education
- Helen Perryer, Administration Officer, Chermside Community Health Centre
- COH Finance Team
- Randall Hendry, COH Gardener
- Richard Kerle, Registered Nurse, Hospital in the Home
- Alison Standford, NDIS Business Co-ordinator

### Post Acute Care Service

- Lindsey Woolacott, Physiotherapist
- Yannis Kwong, Registered Nurse
- Chris Halton, Registered Nurse
- Joanne Knight, Occupational Therapist
- Jo Barker, Clinical Nurse
- Rachel Spemann, Clinical Nurse
- Greta Wilkins, Registered Nurse
- Susan Shipway, Service Coordinator
- Karen Jereza, Registered Nurse
- Leisa Harris, Physiotherapist
- Masego Motsholapheko, Senior Speech Pathologist

### Community Transition Care Program

- Busaba Ruengswat, Assistant in Nursing
- Jane Mckenzie, Administration Officer

### **Diabetes Service**

- Geraldine O'Donaghue, A/Senior Social Worker, Diabetes Service

### **Community Based Rehabilitation Service**

- Anthony Walsh, Occupational Therapist
- Shay Keogh, Social Worker

### **Aspley Community Health Centre**

- Avicia Lupson, Senior Administration Officer, Central Patient Intake Unit
- Alyce Halverson, Occupational Therapist, Rapid Access to Community Care
- Metro North Oral Health Call Centre
- Fiona Napier, Nurse Unit Manager, Aged Care Assessment Team
- Dale Webb, Nurse Navigator Generalist, COH
- Eleanor Thompson, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Rapid Access to Community Care

### **Cooinda House**

- Andrea Hudson, Nurse Unit Manager
- Cooinda House Nursing Team
- Tracy Carroll, Recreational Officer
- Julianne Evans, Administration Officer
- Fiona Webster, Patient Trust Officer
- Mel Dundon, Assitant in Nursing, Cooinda House

### **Halwyn Centre**

- Meredith Davis, Physiotherapist
- Amanda Barnett, Dietician

**Congratulations to all the nominees!**

**Glynis Schultz**  
**Executive Director**  
**Community and Oral Health**

Metro North Health acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, and pays respect to Elders, past, present and future.