

JOINT MESSAGE



Board Chair and Chief Executive  
**Bernard Curran and  
Adj. Prof. Jackie Hanson**



Dear colleagues,

On Friday night we held our 10th annual Metro North Staff Excellence Awards. It was a great evening coming together and celebrating those staff and teams across our health service who have demonstrated excellence and an active commitment to the organisational values.

It was especially pleasing to see the strong collegial spirit among staff during the course of the night who welcomed the opportunity to celebrate their colleagues' achievements away from the workplace.

Congratulations to the winners:

**Board Safety and Quality**

Winner: Metro North Clinical Governance Short Notice Accreditation Peer Review Program, Metro North  
Highly Commended: Specialised Aged Care, Community and Oral Health

**Emerging Leaders**

Winner: Donna Ryan, Redcliffe Hospital  
Highly Commended: Stars 6A Nurses, STARS

**Excellence in Consumer Partnerships**

Winner: Deadly Feet, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital & Health Excellence and Innovation

**Excellence in Integrated Care**

Winner: The Persistent Pain Service: A Caring Pathway for Mob and SPAN-PHN programs, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital  
Highly Commended: Dancing Towards Health: Queensland Ballet and STARS Dance Rehab Partnership, STARS

**Excellence in Performance**

Winner: Rapid establishment of Brisbane City Nurse Led Walk in Clinic, Community and Oral Health  
Highly Commended: Dr Enoka Gonsalkorala, STARS

**Excellence in Training and Education**

Winner: The QUT Metro North Nursing & Midwifery Academy Metro North  
Highly Commended: Insight: Centre for Alcohol and Drug Training and Workforce Development, Metro North



### First Nations Staff

Winner: Uncle Elwyn Henaway, Redcliffe Hospital

### Improving First Nations Health

Winner: Improving detection and management of hearing loss in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adults, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital  
Highly Commended: Strong Start to Life, Metro North

### Innovation

Winner: Embedded Education - The Workforce Pipeline for Nuclear Medicine Scientist's into Queensland, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

### Leadership

Winner: Dr George Javorsky, The Prince Charles Hospital

### Non-clinical Excellence in Operations

Winner: Ry Abel, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital

### People Focus

Winner: Metro North Voluntary Assisted Dying Team, Metro North

### Values in Action

Winner: Mental Health Peer Responders, Metro North  
Highly Commended, Raj Singh: STARSTRUCK Steppers - Bridging the gap, STARS

### Chief Executive Awards

Winners:  
Ronald Aquilina, Brighton Health Campus Gardener, Community and Oral Health  
Anne Whitaker, Pharmacy Director, Redcliffe Hospital  
Dr EJ (Elizabeth) Marsden and Team, Older Persons Emergency Network

Thanks to our presenting partner QSuper, sponsors Remserv, QBank and The Prop House for their support, the Metro North Communication team for organising the event, and a huge thank you to event MC Parker Michaels.



Regards,  
Bernard and Jackie

**Metro North Health**



We uphold our commitment to health equity through our Values in Action  
Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High performance | Teamwork

Metro North Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which we live, work and walk, and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.



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