

Executive Message

Metro North Health



Chief Executive Adj. Prof. Jackie Hanson



Dear colleagues,

Feeling valued and cared for makes a big difference in both your working day and our patient outcomes. When **kindness** is part of our work, everyone benefits.

I'm pleased to announce we will soon be delivering a series of workshops and events to encourage kindness in action.

I look forward to sharing those details next week when they are available. Stay tuned for how you can join in.

Culturally sensitive endoscopy pathway piloted at STARS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more heavily impacted by colorectal cancer compared to non-Indigenous Australians and are less likely to participate in screening, which can lead to poor outcomes and survival rates. Our STARS team recently piloted an endoscopy pathway specifically for this reason, with culturally sensitive and tailored care to improve attendance. Staff involved have undergone additional cultural awareness training as part of the pilot and the patients have reported a great experience. Well done to our STARS team who has worked on this initiative. It is a great example of our commitment to health equity.



Celebration of health equity nursing and midwifery work

Alanna Geary and Sherry Holzapfel attended the Congress of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) Conference held in Fremantle WA this week. Alanna and Sherry presented the work that we are undertaking in relation to how we are using the Health Equity Strategy and subsequent evaluation to increase the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nursing and Midwifery workforce, providing cultural safety for patients and staff and work alongside our community through co-design and collaboration. The presentation was so well received that CATSINaM are now wanting to not only showcase our work but use it as a base to catapult nationwide initiatives.



Staff Excellence Awards

A reminder that our 10th annual Staff Excellence Awards will be held on 22 November. I look forward to recognising the wide range of talent we have at Metro North Health on the evening. If you haven't yet secured your ticket, you can do so [here](#).

Queensland Cancer Centre

As work on the Queensland Cancer Centre at Herston gets underway, we are inviting all our

staff who work in the precinct to join an all-staff forum.

Here staff will learn more about QCC and any relevant impacts, as well as having an opportunity to ask questions. Staff can join on Tuesday 5 November from 10:30 – 11:30am in the RBWH Education Centre and the event will also be available via [Teams](#).

The \$1.1 billion Queensland Cancer Centre will be a purpose built, 150-bed facility that provides cutting-edge care and research. When it opens, the centre will deliver a range of new and innovative cancer treatments, including cellular therapy and theranostics.

Premier message to Queensland public sector

On Monday, the new Queensland Premier issued a message to Queensland public sector workers to advise of his agenda and to reiterate that there would be no employment cuts to the public sector workforce. The message mentions some initial realignment in leadership and in machinery of government changes, however, does not give any specific detail yet.

Kind regards,

Jackie

Metro North Health



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

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