



Dear team,

I caught up with staff at Kallangur Satellite Hospital, Metro North Oral Health Service and Cooinda House this week as part of our COH Staff Excellence Awards ceremonies.

Congratulations to all of our deserving COH Excellence Award winners and highly commended recipients at these facilities:

Values in Action

- **Highly Commended - Pascale Goldberg, Senior Physiotherapist** - For playing a key role in establishing the Healthy Ageing Assessment and Rehabilitation Team physiotherapist service at Kallangur Satellite Hospital.



Excellence in Performance

- **Highly Commended - Lina Hunter, Business Improvement and Planning Manager** - For bringing positive change and efficiencies to the Metro North Oral Health Service through great leadership and direction.
- **Winner - Samantha Creed, Registered Nurse, Stafford Dental Clinic** - For her tireless efforts coordinating inpatient and outpatient follow up care for vulnerable patients through the General Practice Oral Health Service.

Leadership

- **Dual Winner - Michelle (Jung) Reynolds, A/Advanced Oral Health Therapist (Pictured right)** - For empowering her team to deliver exceptional oral health care for patients.

Annual Shining Star Award

- **Dual Winner - Andrea Hudson, Nurse Unit Manager, Cooinda House** - For her compassion toward residents and supporting staff with empathy and a very high level of respect.

People Focus

- **Highly Commended - Kim Gordon, Senior Finance Officer** - For providing great financial performance forecasts and insights that support oral health clinicians enhance service delivery.





Andrea Hudson with the wonderful Coinda House team

Oral health celebrates around 500 years of service

On Wednesday, I had the honour of presenting the Metro North Oral Health Service Length of Service Awards. Recognising the contribution of all staff across the service, is critical to the positive culture and services we deliver in the community.

A special mention to Juliana Theunissen and Darren Woodward (pictured) who were both acknowledged for 40 years of dedicated service.

Congratulations to all of the oral health staff who have reached a length of service milestone this year.



A Healing Journey - Uncle David Wragge

Last Friday, Uncle David Wragge shared his personal journey through cultural trauma and experiences of growing up as a 'Domo Boy'.

Uncle David is a proud Wakka Wakka man from Cherbourg, with cultural connections across Central and North Queensland. He is a highly respected elder and member of the Stolen Generations.

His presentation was extremely powerful, thought provoking and engaging. I'd like to thank Paul and

the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Team for organising this extremely beneficial and informative session for our staff.

Uncle David will join ELT and COH Health Equity Committee when we attend a special cultural immersion tour to the Cherbourg Aboriginal Community to visit the Ration Shed Museum and Dormitory in mid-November.



A shout out to our Occupational Therapists!

Last week, celebrations were held for Occupational Therapy Week, which marked '80 Years of Connection!'

The focus for us was on the achievements of our occupational therapists and how the profession helps people reach their potential.

Many events and activities were held throughout the week including a Metro North breakfast and the first discipline specific Coaching Conversations which hosted 24 OTs from around Metro North.

Each COH team also facilitated fun competitions such as 'Guess that OT assistive technology'.

Occupational Therapy Week shirts were also made for COH. Thank you to all of our highly talented OTs for doing such an amazing job!



Kind regards,

Jayne Stevenson
A/Executive Director
Community and Oral Health

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.

Metro North
Health



Queensland
Government



Produced by the Metro North Communication Directorate