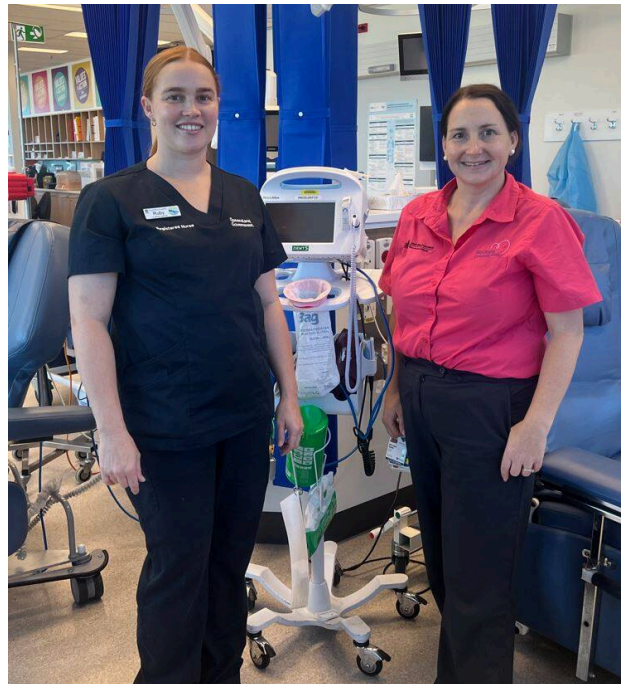




Dear colleagues

While the calendar has now ticked over to November, I'd like to reflect on October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a disease that claims more than 3,300 Australian lives each year. Here at Redcliffe Hospital, we have a team of breast care nurses who support patients at all stages of their journey, from prevention and early detection through to treatment and managing recurring, residual and metastatic disease. Our team includes Ruby McGuire and Melanie Dunn (pictured), along with Craig Lewis and Bronwyn Jones. Thank you to the team for all that you do to support patients through what is an incredibly challenging time in their lives.

Given the prevalence of breast cancer in the community, it was great to see our hospital community support the recent fundraiser so enthusiastically. Together we raised \$1,640 for this important cause. Thank you all for your generosity.



Financial Management Fundamentals

Earlier this week, Director of Finance Akhil Kapoor presented the second part of the Manager's Essentials session on financial management. This was an important step in helping line managers better understand budget processes and how to exercise financial delegations. Ensuring we use resources efficiently and effectively is critical in providing sustainable services that meet the needs and expectations of patients, staff and the wider community. The recording of the session is now available to view [here](#). I encourage you to watch it to learn more about how we can deliver better patient outcomes, while maximising resource efficiency.

Car park payment pause

Last week, I mentioned upcoming cut-off dates to pause car park salary sacrifice payments over the holiday period. The first of these is Monday 4 November for any leave taken between 25 November and 8 December. The full list of cut-off dates is available [here](#). Actioning these requests is among the duties of our Redcliffe Hospital car park team, which includes Troy, Vernon and Michael (pictured). They're located near the exit gates of the multi-story car park and perform a number of functions including keeping the car park clean, ensuring ticket and pay station



machines are stocked and providing assistance to those who're having trouble with the machines or exiting the car park. You can [email the team](#) anytime with car park queries or feedback, or just give them a smile and wave next time you see them around!

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Edwin's current role as Assistant Director of Pharmacy, he's combining his clinical pharmacy skills with helping to develop, support and mentor others in the team. All the while learning and honing new leadership skills to assist his future career development.

Edwin has previously worked at Logan Hospital as well as in the Clinical Information Systems Support Unit. In that role, he supported the state-wide pharmacy dispensing software, and served as the bridge between on-floor clinicians and the technical IT specialists.

More recently, he worked with Community and Oral Health staff to build a successful model for medication supply to the new Nurse-led walk-In Clinic in Brisbane CBD.

As to his future, while Edwin finds his current role fulfilling, he's keen to continue developing his leadership and managerial skills within the hospital setting.

Away from work, Edwin enjoys relaxing with his Cavoodle, Hazel. On the weekend, he is a regular Parkrun participant!



Raise it for Redcliffe fundraiser

Last Sunday, vocal group EnChord performed in Woody Point to Raise it For Redcliffe Hospital. Their fundraising show included songs from around the world and a finale that saw a children's singing group join them on stage. Director of Research, Joel Dulhunty spoke at the event about the important role fundraising plays in our hospital community and how the funds raised are used for research, equipment and other initiatives. I'm happy to report the event was an outstanding fundraising success. If you'd like to show your support and make a donation, click [here](#). Thanks to EnChord and everyone who attended and donated.



Wrapping up safe work month

The end of October also marked the end of safe work month for 2024. Last week I had the opportunity to accompany the health and safety team as they toured the hospital spreading the word on safe and healthy work practices and providing suggestions on how we can all play our part. I was also pleased to attend the monthly health and safety representatives meeting, where I heard directly from our reps about recent progress and any challenges they've experienced. Thanks to our health and safety team and reps for the critical role they play in helping make Redcliffe Hospital safer for patients, staff and visitors. While safe work month may be over for this year, our commitment to health and safety is ongoing.



A Shrek-tacular Halloween

Yesterday was Halloween. To mark the day, our Paediatric Ward team got into the spirit with a 'Shrek' themed dress-up day (pictured), with all the central characters represented. It's great to see the ward staff decorating and celebrating to bring smiles to the faces of kids who are spending Halloween in hospital.



Patient compliments

I'm delighted to share another patient compliment with you today. This one is from a first-time mum, who was very impressed with the care provided to her and her baby. Well done to Olivia, Katilin and the whole maternity team.

"Huge compliments to Olivia and student midwife Kaitlin for their support and care during the birth of my baby. They were nothing but amazing from the moment I arrived and made me feel safe and comfortable. These ladies definitely made my birthing experience a positive one."

Countdown to Christmas

Finally, it may only be the first day of November, but the countdown to Christmas is on. We'll be getting

festive again this year with the return of the annual Christmas appeal to support St. Vincent de Paul and the Redcliffe Hospital decorating competition. This year's decorating theme is 'Christmas Around the World'. More information on how you can get involved will be provided shortly.

Kind regards,

Cang Dang
Executive Director,
Redcliffe Hospital

If you'd like to let others know what's happening in your work area or have a good news story to share, email [Redcliffe communications](#) to discuss including it in my message or Staff Bulletin.

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