



Dear team,

The gift of giving is always something that brings a smile to people's faces and can make such a difference to our residents, patients and staff.

At North Lakes Health Precinct, I had the privilege of meeting one of our very kind and thoughtful registered nurses who works in palliative care.

Lisa Kennie, (pictured below) sews unique scrubs for her colleagues all year round, and this year she also generously created many festive season scrubs for her team.

Creating something for others demonstrates a great deal of thoughtfulness and put simply, is one of the best gifts anyone can receive.

I always say the working at COH is like working with family and Lisa is a shining example of how our staff come together and look out for one another, while doing simple and kind things that bring joy.

The festive spirit of kindness and generosity is well and truly alive in COH!

Please continue to share and send your festive stories to COH-Communications@health.qld.gov.au



Lisa Kennie (pictured right)



Palliative care doctors



The Community Palliative Care service team

Farewell to Marianne

It is with mixed emotions that I advise that our Business Manager Marianne Horne will be leaving COH to start a new role within Queensland Health on December 9, 2024.

I congratulate Marianne on her success in gaining this position and I am pleased that her management, organisational and leadership skills have been recognised.

I am extremely grateful for Marianne's commitment to COH and for her courage to provide sound informed financial advice.

I also admire Marianne's professional skills as well as her commitment to her family.

It is always difficult to lose a staff member so committed to all that is good about COH. I am also pleased that the move will allow Marianne to strengthen her commitment to family as we never get a second chance to 'truly be there'.

Wishing you all the best Marianne and thank you for all you have done for COH!



So long Steph (for now)!

Dr Stephanie Hadikusumo will be taking a sabbatical from the COH community for an extended period, and we are delighted to welcome Dr Christina Nguyen into the COH community.

Christina has come to COH from RBWH, where

she was working as the A/Deputy Director of Medical Services.

Previously, she has worked at The Prince Charles Hospital as A/Director of Medical Administration and medical administration registrar at Redcliffe and Townsville University Hospital. Her clinical background is in critical care medicine.

Christina is being inducted appropriately into the COH family (including understanding the importance of KFC to good discussion and that feeling of happiness and well-being in the spirit of fun at work).

As we warmly welcome Christina, I want to thank Steph strong medical workforce in COH.

We are indeed fortunate to have such high-calibre medical staff willing to be part of a truly multidisciplinary team approach to patient care.

Steph is great advocate for COH and many initiatives have been progressed with a 'cup of coffee' discussion. Steph acknowledged the crucial role of COH as the 'third space' within the health service.

We are a critical but often an unseen nexus between our acute facilities and the patient's home, and role to empower and restore patient confidence and capacity.

Steph was committed to the Health Equity agenda and joined the team serving our Elders at their recent Christmas function.

We wish Steph every success in her sabbatical.

Compliment - Oral Health Call Centre and Stafford Dental Clinic

"I wish to thank both the Oral Health Call Centre staff and the dentists at the Stafford Dental Clinic for their excellent service when I thought I had cracked my front tooth in half and was very concerned.

"The lady in the call centre managed to find an appointment on the same day and the excellent dentists at Stafford found that it was in fact a large filling that had broken and successfully repaired it.

"I have also recently received a full check-up and subsequent dental work at Stafford.

"The friendly and competent treatment that I have received is second to none."

A final shout out!

Did you know that Queensland has the highest rate of tooth decay in Australia?

Oral Health Therapist Zoe explains how we can prevent this by looking after our teeth.

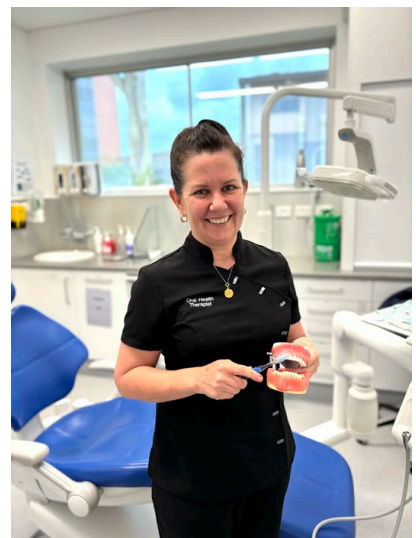
"Regular brushing, twice per day, for a minimum of two minutes, using a soft toothbrush, fluoride toothpaste and interdental aids is the answer to healthy teeth.

"It sounds basic but still people aren't brushing twice a day," said Zoe.

[Read more](#)



Dr Christina Ngu Hadikusumo, emphasising that food can be a good



Kind regards,

Glynis Schultz
Executive Director
Community and Oral Health

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