



Dear team

Kalangoor, the Kallangur Satellite Hospital, turned one this week, and our TPCH staff community came together to celebrate this milestone.

Kalangoor began caring for patients on Monday, 11 December 2023 and was the fifth satellite hospital in Queensland to open to patients.

The facility supports oral health services, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Hub, Kidney Health Services, and the Healthy Aging Assessment and Rehabilitation Team (HAART), an interdisciplinary clinical team specialising in the rehabilitation and health of older people living in the community. These services delivered more than 1,600 outpatient appointments in the last reporting quarter.



Since it opened in December last year, the [Minor Injury and Illness Clinic](#) at Kalangoor has cared for just under 30,000 patients.

Looking at the data, on average, the clinic sees 82 presentations daily, with a new patient presenting an average of every 10 minutes during clinic opening hours.

Of those patients presenting to the clinic, the majority are assessed as a category four, meaning they are coming to the right place to receive the care they need - and helping to take pressure off our busy emergency department.

Congratulations to everyone at Kalangoor, and everyone who has supported its success.

Christmas decoration competition update

TPCH is overflowing with Christmas spirit this week, with even more teams setting up their Christmas decorations.

Among those entries is the Transit Lounge (pictured right with Nivi, Leizel and Holly) with their entry: Festive Discharges, which includes a Christmas tree with small luggage tags, miniature suitcases, and travel-themed ornaments to symbolize the patients' journey home.

Another entry is DUIT (pictured below left, with Codie and Shannon) with their entry: Ginger Bread Lane. DUIT designed their entry to bring Christmas cheer to patients.

The Children's Emergency Department has also registered (pictured below right, with Fiona and Tanya) with their entry: The North Pole, which is a winter wonderland of Santa's village in the

North Pole, including toy factory, reindeer stables, Frosty's village and Santa's living room.

[Registrations for the Christmas Decoration Competition](#) close at 5pm today.



Nurse Practitioner Week

We celebrated Nurse Practitioners Week at TPCH with a special gathering on Tuesday, complete with a big cake to thank our nurse practitioners for their dedication to patient care.

Nurse practitioners are the most senior clinical nurses in our health care system and have completed additional study at a master's degree level.

Nurse Practitioner Week is also the perfect time to congratulate six of our nursing team who are in the final stages of qualifying as nurse practitioners, including:

- Bronwyn Pearce
- Joshua Wilcox
- Kai Liang
- Rebecca Ammenhauser
- Jennifer Thomes, and
- Jodie Huntley-Forde.



Across Australia, there are more than 2,500 registered nurse practitioners, with around 20 at work at TPCH and Kallangur. We're proud of them all.

Planned power shutdown success

It was another very early start for the project control team managing last Saturday's planned non-essential power shutdown.

The two-hour planned non-essential power outage was another success, thanks to excellent teamwork, good communication, and strong collaboration.

This important activity allowed the project team to connect permanent power supply to the new modular accommodation that has been brought onto site for our teams decanting from Building 14.

I was with the team in the control room on the day and offer my thanks again to everyone involved, including BEMS, TPCH Expansion team, and all of the night shift staff working in impacted clinical areas, for their commitment to ensuring our patients were supported, and our hospital was fully prepared for this power outage.



Emergency management update

As part of our ongoing emergency and disaster planning, our Emergency Management Committee participated in an Active Armed Offender Discussion Exercise this week.

The goal of the exercise was to expand our operational resilience in an ever-changing threat landscape. Using a scenario-based approach, team members from different hospital departments collaborated to review emergency response plans, analyse threat scenarios, and discuss response strategies in a safe and low-pressure setting.

Exercises like these are important in maintaining an agile, well-prepared organisation, reinforcing our commitment to the safety of our staff and community.

To find out more about TPCH emergency response planning, [click here](#).

Vale Dr Andrew Galbraith

Many of you will have heard the sad news about the recent passing of Dr Andrew Galbraith.

Dr Galbraith was a former TPCH cardiologist and the first director of the Queensland Heart Failure and Transplant Unit at TPCH, which led to the State's first heart transplant in June 1990.

An early adopter of telehealth for patients living outside the district, Dr Galbraith was passionate about the care of patients and a strong supporter of the multidisciplinary approach to patient care.

Among colleagues, he was known for his inquisitive mind, keen research focus, and benevolence and empathy towards patients.

A grateful Heart Transplant Patient painted his portrait, which continues to hang on the wall in Ward 1B where heart transplant patients are cared for.



Dr Galbraith will be remembered as an excellent physician, dedicated mentor, and caring person greatly respected by colleagues and patients.

Lastly this week, a shout-out to Neuropsychology Team Leader Dr Cecily Brasch. Dr Brasch ran her first ultramarathon at the Gold Coast just as we began the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, not only running 50kms in one day but also raising \$4,253 for DV Connect.

It was an inspiring effort and a generous donation to an important cause.

Kind regards,

Geoff Grima

Acting Executive Director
The Prince Charles Hospital

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.

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