

# Message from the Executive Director Redcliffe Hospital

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Dear colleagues

We may already be halfway through January, but as my first message for 2025 I'd like to wish you all Happy New Year! I hope those who had a break over the festive season enjoyed some rest and relaxation with loved ones. To those who worked, thank you for your ongoing hard work and commitment during what was a busy time for patients needing our care.

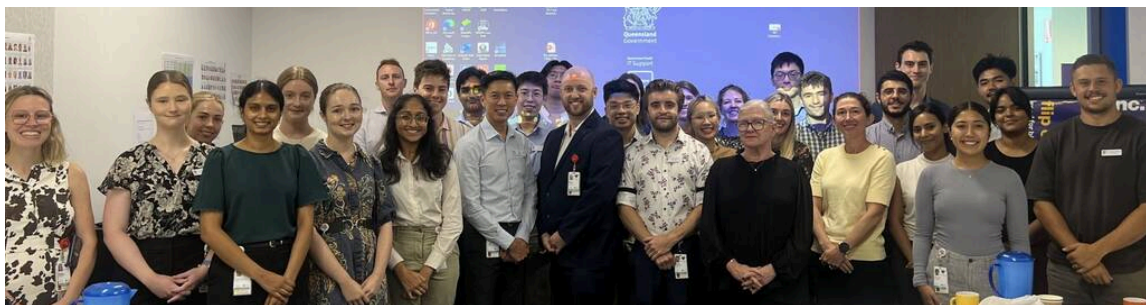
## New medical intern cohort

With the new year, we have welcomed a new group of medical interns to Redcliffe Hospital. Along with Metro North Chief Executive Jackie Hanson, I had the opportunity to chat with the group earlier this week, where I discussed our ongoing journey toward achieving health equity for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the important role the interns will play in helping the hospital run efficiently and effectively.

Jackie shared several stories with the group from her career experience that highlighted the importance of treating each patient with compassion and ensuring we listen to them and their loved ones to provide the best care possible.

Following their orientation, the interns will be placed across the hospital and will have the opportunity to put into practice what they've learnt during their studies.

I'm sure I speak for everyone in welcoming you to Redcliffe Hospital. We hope you enjoy your time with us.



## Family reflects on stolen wages

You'll recall that last year, our hospital became the first Metro North facility to formally acknowledge that wages stolen from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were used to construct Redcliffe Hospital.

Following that event in 2024, the Beckett family made contact with us. Their grandmothers, the late Aunties Gloria and Kathleen Beckett had wages taken from them to build the hospital. The Beckett family have marched since 1944 as part of their fight for recognition and repatriation of these wages.

Earlier this month, the family visited the hospital and shared the impact these events have had on their family through the generations. While here, despite past hurts, the family also generously shared stories about the great care they have received at Redcliffe Hospital.

Unfortunately, I was unwell on the day the family visited however they meet with Metro North Chief Executive, Jackie Hanson, Cultural Capability Office, Elwyn Henaway, Indigenous Nurse Navigator, Leicha Wone-Grant and other hospital leaders, who showed them the plaque recognising the stolen wages.

Meetings and discussions like these are important part of helping achieve health equity, as we work to build trust with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to enable better health outcomes for the community.



## Cultural Capability Training

Another part of our drive toward health equity is ensuring that all members of our hospital community understand and can meet the unique needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

To help with this, Elwyn Henaway will once again be running training this year on cultural practices and indigenous identification. The 2025 sessions kick-off next week and will run all year. Click [here](#) for dates and to learn more.

If you'd like more information, please get in touch with Elwyn.

## Patient compliments

I'm pleased to start the year with some more patient compliments. Well done to the ICU and Day Surgery teams on providing this great care.

### ICU

*'I was in ICU for two weeks. I wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the care and support I received from all the doctors and nurses during this time. You are all so wonderful to me.'*

### Day Surgery

*'I would like to compliment the staff of Redcliffe Hospital that looked after me when I recently had day surgery. Everyone was extremely helpful and friendly, which made for a stress free experience.'*

## Forums returning soon

Finally for today, our all-staff and manager forums will return in the coming weeks for 2025. If there are any good news stories from your area you'd like to share or any topics you'd like discussed at these forums, please contact the [communications team](#) with the details.

## Kind Regards

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