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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet members of the Redcliffe Clinical Council earlier this week when the Metro North Board held its monthly Board meeting at Redcliffe Hospital.

Board members enjoyed talking with staff in the emergency department, transit lounge and theatre bookings, and also met with Redcliffe Hospital consumers.

Have Your Say results

One of the five pillars of the Metro North Health Strategic Plan 2024-2028 is - *A Workplace to Be Your Best*. The objective of this pillar is to create a flexible and respectful workplace focused on team based interdisciplinary care, where everyone feels valued, empowered to reach their full potential, and supported to build fulfilling careers.

The Board received a presentation on the Have Your Say results, which saw the highest number of staff we've seen participate in the survey with 10,815 responses. I commend staff across Metro North for giving this incredibly important feedback on their workplace. Teams are doing exceptionally well and the results show much we should be proud of, and areas where we can do better. Results will be communicated across all directorates and teams starting this month. This will kickstart a process to develop solutions and actions at the local and broader organisational level to improve how we work across Metro North and achieve meaningful and measurable outcomes.

Research and innovation

I am constantly impressed by the world class research delivered by Metro North clinicians. *Research and Innovation Shaping the Future of Health* is a pillar of our Strategic Plan and we continue to strengthen our research impact locally and internationally.

Professor Steven Lane, Executive Director Research Metro North spoke to the Board about Metro North's research achievements over the past 12 months. Highlights include 1,452 publications, 130 new clinical trials authorised and the noteworthy Metro North Clinician Research Fellowships which enables our emerging and highly skilled clinician researchers to build a strong foundation of evidence-based health care.

This research would not be possible without the support of our hospital foundations. I recently attended events held by the RBWH Foundation and TPCH Foundation which proudly showcased the extraordinary impact of our clinician researchers on the health and wellbeing of our community.

The *Celebration of Giving 2025* event on 24 July showed the passion and dedication of teams across RBWH and STARS to improve patient outcomes and enhance the care experience.

TPCH Foundation's annual Research Awards awarded 40 grants across eight categories including New Investigators, Research Fellowships, PhD Scholarships, and Collaboration grants. In total, these grants represent \$2.4 million in research funding— all made possible through the generous support of the community, corporate partners and philanthropic donors.



(l-r): Steve Francia (CEO TPCHF), A/Prof Michael Nissen (Director of Research TPCH), Tami Photinos (ED TPCH), A/Prof Jackie Hanson (CE MNHHS), Bernard Curran (Board Chair MNHHS), Chris Morton (Board Chair TPCHF), Lara Lowndes (Deputy Chair TPCHF)

Hospital and Health Board members EOI

I shared with staff earlier this week, the EOI for hospital and health board members. This year there is an emphasis on engaging local voices, including frontline clinicians currently working within the HHS who will bring valuable insights to Board decision-making. Applications close midnight Sunday 7 September 2025. Read [here](#) for more information.

Board Deputy Chair Dr Meg Cairns and I will hold a staff vidcast next Tuesday 5 August at 11am to share information on the recruitment process and answer questions from interested clinicians on applying.

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Board member profile - Nera Komaric

Each month I will introduce you to a Board member and talk about the work of our committees. This week I spoke to Nera Komaric, our Board representative on TPOCH Foundation Board and a member of the Consumer and Community Engagement Committee.

Nera joined the Metro North Board in 2021, bringing over 30-years experience in the community and health sectors, in Australia and internationally. She is a co-founder and Director of World Wellness Group, a primary health care social enterprise focused on achieving health equity by providing health and wellness services and working to enhance the healthcare system. Nera is also an Adjunct Senior Fellow in the School of Clinical Medicine's Primary Care Clinical Unit at The University of Queensland.



Her career has included leading the statewide program for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) populations and the Chronic Disease Strategy, where she was instrumental in developing innovative strategies for managing chronic diseases among CALD populations. She was notably appointed as the Croatian Government's Focal Point in the European Migration Network. Prior to this, Nera consulted with international and national authorities, including the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), with a focus on combating human trafficking, particularly for sexual exploitation. She has also extensively worked with newly arrived migrants and refugees and co-founded the Centre for Research, Education, Sexual Violence, and Services for Survivors in Croatia.

Nera's primary interests are in social justice and the application of evidence-based practices, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations. She believes that equity isn't about giving more, it's about seeing what was never given.

Regards,
Bernard

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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Creating healthier futures together—where
innovation and research meets compassionate
care and community voices shape our services.



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