

Metro North Health

A joint message from the

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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.

Hi CKW team,

Today, we proudly recognise International Day of the Midwife. A day dedicated to honouring midwives and the incredible care, commitment, and compassion they provide every day.

To our midwives across CKW, thank you. You are at the heart of our maternity services, supporting women and families through some of life's most profound and life-changing experiences. From the first antenatal visit to labour, birth, and beyond, you bring skill, empathy, and calm to moments of great joy, and at times, great challenge.

Midwifery is more than a profession - it is a calling. It requires not only clinical excellence but also emotional strength, deep humanity, and a profound respect for the journey of every woman and baby you care for. Whether you are working in the birthing suite, clinics, community, or supporting families postnatally, your impact is felt every day and long remembered by the people you serve.

The theme of this year's International Day of the Midwife is "Midwives: Critical in Every Crisis". With increasing conflicts, natural disasters and impending climate change impacts disproportionately affecting women and girls skilled midwives are increasingly important.

As we reflect on this year's theme, we also acknowledge the evolving landscape of maternity care and the critical role midwives play in shaping its future. Your voices, experience, and leadership are essential in driving forward safe, equitable, and woman-centred care.

Please take a moment today to pause and reflect on the lives you've touched and the families you've supported. On behalf of CKW, thank you for your tireless dedication and for being such an integral part of our healthcare community.



Kind regards,

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