



Dear colleagues

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone in our hospital community for the way that they worked together to prepare for and respond to ex-TC Alfred.

As a region not used to cyclones, it was an anxious time as we prepared and then waited (and waited.....) for the weather event!

Thank you to all of the clinical and support staff who worked throughout, while managing personal cyclone preparations and family commitments due to school and daycare closures.

The planning work leading into Alfred's arrival was exceptional, from rescheduling planned care appointments to ensuring patients being cared for at home were prepared and the meticulous preparation to ensure our hospital had ample supplies of medications, medical supplies, linen, food and water.

A special thank you to our BEMS team for their extensive work before the weather arrived to ensure our campus was safe for patients, staff and visitors. Their work has continued into this week, repairing minor damage caused by the weather.

During the worst of the conditions, a number of staff opted to stay overnight at the hospital. Your dedication and commitment to ensuring our patients received the care they needed is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to those staff who worked double shifts to cover for colleagues who were not able to attend work.

I am also grateful to my colleagues in the Redcliffe Hospital Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for their tireless work to prepare our severe weather response. Like many of our clinical and support teams, the EOC worked around the clock to ensure staff could care for patients in a safe and secure environment.

Every member of the hospital community played a role in keeping our services operational during the weather event. The way we collaborated to ensure we could continue looking after our patients, while taking care of each other was truly inspiring – thank you all!

Our thoughts remain with any staff and their families across South East Queensland and Northern New South Wales who have been impacted by the cyclone, flooding and/or power outages.

Among the preparations and sheltering in place at the hospital, there were some moments of levity, including uncovering Dr Alan Yan's secret barista skills and Dr David Whybrew's 'ducky' pyjamas. I'm pleased to provide these and a few other pictures below.

I will leave the last word on ex-TC Alfred for now to an appreciative member of our community who attached a bunch of flowers to an exterior fence of the hospital yesterday, with a message that read, "may your garden of life be filled with blooms."



**Kind Regards**

**Cang Dang**  
Executive Director,  
Redcliffe 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.

