



Dear team

It is good that we are returning to some normality and can focus on the things that we do well here at TPCH - that is delivering exceptional health care to our patients.

Today, there is a lot to talk about and plenty of local updates to share, as well as some important information from across the broader service.

Executive update

This Sunday, 30 March 2025, is National Doctors Day, a day to celebrate and appreciate clinicians around the world. While National Doctors Day started in 1933, to this day we continue to celebrate medical advances and thank all doctors everywhere who spend so much time mastering their field of expertise and caring for others. At TPCH we celebrated our doctors at a special Grand Rounds yesterday.

On behalf of all the patients and staff, I would like to extend my thanks to all the doctors at TPCH for the work you do every day here at the hospital and the support you provide to our patients and families.



Ride and raise funds for transplant research

I caught up with Director of Allied Health Perry Judd who is participating in the 'Ride and raise funds for transplant research' campaign.

This year, marks the fifth year that The Common Good is a proud partner of the Tour de Brisbane.

To this day, riders continue to raise money for transplant research and related conditions such as heart disease and ICU care.

The event began as the Cycle of Giving, an incredible ride to support transplant research.

In 2019, as it continued to grow, it was integrated with the Tour de Brisbane.





Fit testing and nurse graduates

I caught up with Melissa Laszlo, one of our administrative officers from our fit testing team this week. As we head into the cooler months, it is important that we still continue to keep our Fit testing up to date. I also dropped in on some of our clinical nurses who were teaching important skills to some of our new nursing graduates.



Fit testing with Melissa



Graduate nurses enhancing skills

Car parking update

Staff forum

This week, I had the chance to walk around the nearly completed 1,500 bay multi-storey car park with the Project Manager Tina Low, and project and hospital staff.

On Wednesday, we also hosted our regular staff forum to provide updates on campus parking including the progress of our new multi-storey car park, which now has an expected handover of late May.

At the forum, we highlighted that once this occurs we will need to complete some finishing works such as technology installations such as the lifts, duress alarms and ticketing machines.

You can read more about car parking in the [Frequently Asked Questions here](#).

Car park information booth

A car parking information booth is available today from 7am – 12 noon. Members of TPCH Car Parking team will be on hand to provide information and answer questions about upcoming changes to car parking at TPCH.

For more information visit: https://qheps.health.qld.gov.au/tpch/corporate/corp_home/parking-at-tpch

General staff updates

As we wait for the completion of the new multi-storey car park, we acknowledge there are ongoing pressures around campus car parking. I ask that when staff park on campus over the next few months, please park safely and in accordance with parking directions and show courtesy to other staff. Please be aware that infringements will be issued where signage and directional traffic lines are not observed and where parking is deemed unsafe.

Staying smoke free

We are committed to being smoke-free at our hospital. Patients, staff and visitors should be able to access and move around hospital grounds without exposure to harmful second-hand smoke. We encourage staff to not smoke at a Queensland public and private hospitals and healthcare facilities and for five metres beyond their boundaries. Help is out there though if staff want to quit; please call **Quitline** on **13 78 48** for a free and confidential counselling service that gives you information and advice to quit smoking.

Have Your Say Survey

The People and Culture Team at TPCCH have been actively working with various departments to foster a positive and inclusive work environment for everyone. To achieve this, they are focusing on initiatives that promote a positive workplace culture, such as coaching, training and team building activities. This has been well received and by working together, we aim to create a culture where everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute their best.



New mentoring program

Following up on your feedback from the 2023 Have Your Say survey, People and Culture have been working on a new Metro North-wide mentoring program. This structured yet flexible initiative fosters meaningful mentoring relationships by providing resources to support our mentors and empower mentees to connect and grow.

The team would like more TPCCH staff to get involved in this great development opportunity and become Metro North mentors. If you have a passion for nurturing and encouraging others, I encourage you to fill out the [expression of interest](#). They are looking for staff from all levels with diverse backgrounds and unique experiences.

2025 Research Excellence Awards - Nominations open

It's time for TPCCH to again shine with the opening of nominations for the Metro North Research Excellence Awards. These awards offer a chance to showcase our top researchers, as well as recognize emerging and early-career talents.

We're looking for nominations from researchers and projects, covering all professional fields, clinical services, and facilities. Metro North values research collaborations and understands that nominations may include projects involving researchers from other Queensland Health services or external academic, scientific, or community partners.

Nomination portal - <https://metronorthhealth.awardsplatform.com/>

Nominations close: 7 May 2025

Innovation Showcase – call for abstracts

Healthcare Excellence and Innovation (HEI) is proud to be part of the innovation mix for Metro North and is pleased to be presenting the Innovation Showcase on 13 June. Save the date! This event will include engaging speakers and presentations, interactive sessions and mini design sprints. Program, event and ticketing information will be available soon.

In the meantime, this is a [call for abstracts](#) for the Innovation Showcase which closes soon. I encourage

you to submit abstracts to showcase our innovation and how we are transforming clinical care across Metro North. Abstracts close on **Monday 7 April**.

Join us at the 2025 TPCH Staff Expo!

TPCH will host the Staff Exponextn **Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 April**.

Speak face-to-face with our staff benefit suppliers and providers. Each day will showcase different vendors, so come on down to see who's there!

The Expo will be from 11:00 am and 2:00 pm at the TPCH Education Centre, Rooms 6 and 7.



In addition, TPCH Staff Council is having a quiz competition with some great prizes on offer. Answer the 'Have Your Say' and other TPCH facts questions.

And as an added bonus, the Healthcare Excellence and Innovation (HEI) team will be visiting **between 11.00 - 1.30pm** to hear from you about ideas that could transform patient care, help implement a new model of care, or to enhance service delivery and systems. HEI will also be workshopping emergency department flow, and outpatients.

This is a great opportunity to meet the HEI team to see where we can collaborate and accelerate ideas and I encourage you to get involved.

Shout out

This week's shout out goes to RMO Dr Nihal-Indir Lalwani who is Chair of TPCH's Junior Doctor Advisory Committee (JAC).

Nihal, who works in the Emergency Department, has been instrumental in identifying improvements for junior doctors and the medical team more broadly.



He is a strong advocate for junior doctor education, having organised training for those who've come from a digital environment to support competency in a paper-based environment like TPCH.

As Chair of JAC, Nihal holds a strong focus on safety and training, working closing with the Medical Advisory Committee, Director Medical Administration and Director Clinical Training to improve the working environment for junior doctors and identify opportunities for skill development.

Well done Nihal, you're great asset to the medical team at TPCH!

Kind regards,

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The Prince Charles Hospital

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