



Dear team

A big congratulations to Evon Greener, ICT Coordinator, for becoming our newly appointed COH Staff Council Chair.

Evon is the first non-clinical chair to lead the council and I expect will bring a unique perspective to the position.

I understand there are already some great plans in place to connect with staff across the directorate with the upcoming COH Connect Week and some domestic violence awareness activities, as well as a new membership drive.



Evon, as many of you know, has worked in COH for many years, and has been involved in recent ICT rollouts, and has a large amount of experience connecting closely with service lines and staff across the directorate.

We were also delighted to have the opportunity to introduce Evon to our Oral Health staff at Sandgate and Redcliffe when we presented the COH Connecting Care Champion awards.

I would also like to thank Belinda Sawtell, Nursing Director, Specialised Aged Care for her work over the past year and half delivering staff activities and events to support and connect with staff such as the Week of Happiness.

I am very excited for the COH Staff Council journey ahead.

Nominate a Connecting Care Champion for Aspley

On April 30, we will be taking FIVE to acknowledge our caring, connected and compassionate champions at the Aspley Community Health Centre as part of our 'Hi5 in 25!' visits.

The visit will be to acknowledge some of the things you love about your work, look at opportunities for improvement and crown some of our Connecting Care Champions.

Aspley Community Health Centre
Wednesday 30 April
10.00 - 11.00 am



It only takes FIVE minutes to nominate a person for this new, fun Connecting Care Champion award.

Please send a short 50-100 word nomination for our COH Connecting Care Champion to COH-Communications@health.qld.gov.au anytime.

Metro North Health's Journey to Health Equity

There is a great opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff to come together to connect, network and provide feedback on the draft Health Equity Strategy 2025-2028.

The [Metro North Health Equity Staff Consultation](#) will be held at the Brighton Health Campus.

Wednesday April 30
Brighton Health Campus, Auditorium
449 Hornibrook Hwy, Brighton
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please RSVP by 25 April 2025 via HealthEquityMNH@health.qld.gov.au

If you require support, contact the Health Equity team on 3170 4460 or via the email above.

Administrative Professional Day nominations open

Administrative Professional Day will be celebrated across Community and Oral Health - on Thursday May 1, 2025.

Please nominate an administrative professional who demonstrate excellence in their roles.

Nominations are open to all staff, and we welcome submissions for any of the following six categories:

- Early COH Career – Administration Officer of the year
- Values in Action – Respect
- Values in Action – Integrity
- Values in Action – Compassion
- Values in Action – High Performance
- Values in Action – Teamwork.



*One of the 2024 award winners
Tasman Rogers with Tanya Beaumont*

Nominations close COB Tuesday April 22, 2025.

To submit your nomination, please click the link below and refer to the [attached flyer for more details](#):

<https://forms.office.com/r/1N4gUJj4bj>

Let's take this opportunity to celebrate the invaluable contributions of our administrative professionals.

Have Your Say Staff survey just around the corner

The 2025 Have Your Say staff survey kicks off May 12! So, it's important all leaders are thinking about how they can encourage and enable their teams to complete the survey and learn about all the support available to managers.



If you're a people leader and you missed the Have Your Say vidcast on Tuesday, hosted by Metro North Clinical Council Chair, Dr Alan Yan and General Manager People and Culture Programs, Hannah Reed, please watch the recording.

The short 30-minute vidcast covered why it's important staff complete the survey, what is done with the results and the role people leaders play in driving action.

All Have Your Say vidcasts are published on [QHEPS](#).

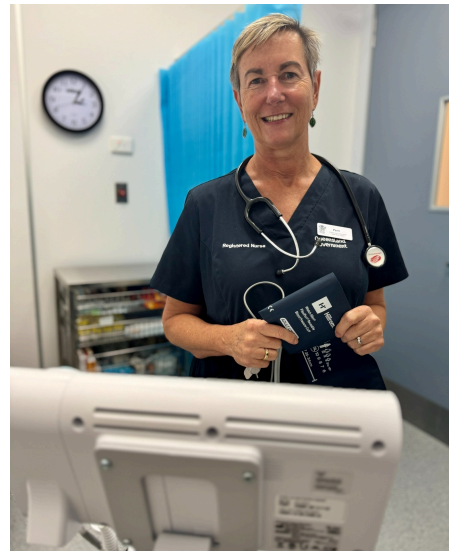
A shout out

Perri was one of the first nurses to work in the Brisbane City Nurse-led Walk-in Clinic when it opened last year.

"We are all nurses with an extended scope of practice to assist the community with many different ailments," Perri said.

While she works in the heart of the city now, Perri worked for many years as a nurse in regional and rural Queensland.

[Read more ...](#)



Final words

Mary Wheeldon will be assuming the responsibilities of the Executive Director role between the 18 to 27 of April.

As we approach this holiday season, I respectfully acknowledge the many unique traditions and practices. I encourage you to join with me in celebrating and embracing the strength of diversity as we work together to build a world of understanding and compassion.

Glynis Schultz
Executive Director
Community and Oral Health

Metro North Health acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, and pays respect to Elders, past, present and future.

