

Metro North Health

## Message from the Executive Director RBWH

Louise Oriti



Dear colleagues,

This week has been an exciting week with lots of milestones and awareness days to celebrate across RBWH.



### **Celebrating 50 years of service for PSO Keith Griffin**

Earlier this week, I had the honour of meeting PSO Keith Griffin to celebrate 50 years of service to RBWH. This incredible and rare achievement speaks to Keith's loyalty and pride in our hospital, and his genuine care for our patients. He is a wealth of knowledge and experience not only to his PSO colleagues, but to his wider team in the ETC.

Keith commenced work as a 'wardie' at RBWH in 1975 at the age of 19, and since then has worked in a range of different teams throughout the hospital. Over the past 50 years, he has seen many changes across the hospital.

"Back in the day, there was no lifting equipment to help us move patients around, so we had to be very strong to manually lift them. Now, the equipment helps make our jobs easier and more efficient, and more comfortable for the patients.

Thank you, Keith for your outstanding contribution to RBWH and congratulations on this remarkable milestone.

### **NeoRESQ celebrates 10 years**

The NeoRESQ service turned 10 years old earlier this week. This designated Statewide neonatal retrieval service cares for preterm and critically unwell infants around the state who require care in a higher level neonatal intensive care nursery. Over the past ten years, the team have transported **7,500** premature and unwell newborns around Queensland and northern NSW. What an achievement for this small but mighty service!

### **National Doctors' Day**

On Thursday, 27 March 2025, the RBWH Medical Education Unit in partnership with the Medical Staff Association (MSA) and the RMO Society, organised a National Doctors' Day event. The team acknowledged the contributions our doctors make to the community and to individual lives with a morning tea in the doctors' lounge. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise all doctors across RBWH. Thank you for all that you do.



### **New Cancer Care Service on Bribie Island**



The new RBWH Centre Cancer Care Service at Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre welcomed its first patients earlier this month, marking a major step forward in advancing cancer healthcare in the region. The new six-chair specialist outpatient service provides low-risk chemotherapy, blood product support and therapy treatments for patients residing in the Bribie Island region and has the capacity to treat up to 70 patients per week. Congratulations to the team involved in setting up and running the new centre. If you would like to read more about the centre, check out the [Metro North Newsroom article](#).

### **Transgender Day of Visibility**

Monday 31 March was International Transgender Day of Visibility. It is a day of celebration, pride and awareness in recognising the significant contributions, experiences and stories of transgender, gender diverse and non-binary people (TGDNB). At RBWH, we are proud to have many talented transgender and non-binary staff who add richness and diversity to our workplace. Their perspectives and life experiences allow us to provide better care not only to transgender and non-binary patients, but to all patients. If you would like further information on how we can provide a safe and inclusive workplace and hospital to all employees and consumers, regardless of their sex, gender or sexual orientation, please visit the [Metro North Pride website](#).

### **The EMPOWER Project – the first Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy Project**

Jamieson Trauma Institute (JTI), RBWH, Metro North Health, in partnership with Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN) have been awarded \$1 million funding by the Queensland Government for the EMPOWER project. EMPOWER will enhance the understanding and collection of data about the participation of Queenslanders with disability in sport and recreation and improve inclusion and accessibility across the State.



EMPOWER through JTI, QDN and its wider collaborative network aims to produce evidence-based outcomes such as a long-term data collection framework for more inclusive and accessible sports and recreation participation for Queenslanders with disability. The project aims to develop a strong foundation for vibrant, inclusive communities and significantly improve overall community wellbeing for all Queenslanders with disabilities towards 2032 and beyond.

### After P.A.R.T.Y booster video and proposed study

Last week, I learnt about the *After P.A.R.T.Y.* booster video, a follow up initiative to the statewide P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth). The P.A.R.T.Y Program is an injury prevention initiative that reaches around 4,500 Queensland high school students aged 15-18 each year. In her research, RBWH Professor Cate Cameron found that while the P.A.R.T.Y program improves students' attitudes towards risk taking behaviour, there was a decline in retention of key safety messages over time. This highlighted the need for ongoing reinforcement, leading to the creation of the *After P.A.R.T.Y* booster video.

The video focuses on the 'Fatal Five' risky driving behaviours: speeding, driving under the influence, distracted driving, failing to wear a seatbelt, and driver fatigue. It aims to reduce road trauma and can be shown in schools to students who have completed the P.A.R.T.Y. Program, with no geographical limitations.



### Innovation Showcase – call for abstracts reminder



Healthcare Excellence & 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, there 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.

Thank you for all you do to support our community.

Kind regards,

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