

Metro North Health

A joint message from the

**Executive Director Caboolture,
Kilcoy and Woodford and Director
of Nursing and Midwifery**

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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 celebrate International Nurses Day, a time to recognise the incredible contribution of nurses across all of our facilities - and around the world.

This special day is held each year on 12 May, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Florence's legacy is one of courage, compassion and innovation. During the Crimean War in the 1850s, she transformed battlefield hospitals by introducing hygiene practices, data-driven care, and a deep respect for the dignity of patients. Her work laid the foundation for the professional nursing standards that we uphold today.

Much like Florence, our nurses continue to lead with heart and purpose. Whether providing bedside care, supporting families, managing complex clinical needs or improving systems behind the scenes, your impact is powerful and far-reaching.

The theme for this year "Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care", recognises nursing as both a vital profession and a key pillar of sustainable healthcare. The dedication you show every day ensures that our services remain safe, compassionate and centred around what matters most - our patients.

On behalf of the entire CKW leadership team, we extend our deepest thanks to all our nurses. You embody the values of excellence, resilience, and humanity that define our health service. Please take a moment today to reflect on your incredible contribution and to celebrate each other.

Kind regards,

Karlene Willcocks, Executive Director and
Vanessa Smith, Director of Nursing and Midwifery

Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford



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