Metro North Health

Message from the

Executive Director Community and Oral Health

Glynis Schultz

Dear team,

There has been a lot of important celebrations and activities occurring around the directorate over the past few weeks.

Following are some of the highlights from the Pine Rivers 30 year anniversary celebration and the Reconciliation Shield at Brighton.

Celebrating 30 years at Pine Rivers

Current and past staff came together for an important milestone at Pine Rivers Community Health Centre.

They celebrated 30 years of dedicated community-based services in the heart of Moreton Bay.



Following the opening of Pine Rivers by the Honourable Jim Elder, Minister for Health in 1995 there has been many services delivered at the facility (and some continue to this day):

- Australian Hearing Service
- School and Youth Health Service
- Oral Health Service
- Sexual Health Service
- Child Development Service
- Indigenous Health Service
- Child Health Service
- Men's Health
- Child and Youth Mental Health Service
- Immunisation Clinic
- Women's Health Service
- Alcohol and Drug Service
- Community Health Service.

And, many staff have been calling this family-friendly community centre a second home for many years.



Current long-serving staff from Pine Rivers, Bernie Dank (first left), Dr Janice Marshall (centre) and Jacqueline Brown (third left), joined other returning staff including Jenny Franklin (second left) and Dr Lyndall Jones (far right) at the celebration.



The Reconciliation Shield - A highlight on the COH calender!

Each year, staff come from far afield to compete for the COH Reconciliation Shield.

Besides the very competitive bowls, attendees also engaged in mini activities throughout the day focused on the National Reconciliation Week theme, **Bridging Now to Next**.

National Reconciliation Week is a life-long journey in strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.



Congratulations to:

- Bowl-ed Over Team | 2025 COH Reconciliation Shield Winner
- The RACC Pack | Best Dressed Winner (chosen by our Community Indigenous Elders Pictured above right)
- Maddy Lawless | Fun COH Cultural Quiz Winner.

A big thank you to Jireh Seve, the COH RAP committee and the local elders for delivering another exceptional event that has brought so many staff and community members together.



Bowl-ed Over Team | 2025 COH Reconciliation Shield Winners



Pink Pony Club

Jaw Droppers



Kitty Ticklers



Smooth Operators



RAN Rainbows



From the Haart

Nominate a Chermside CHC Connecting Care Champion!

In June, we will be taking FIVE to acknowledge our caring, connected and compassionate champions at our oral health and community sites as part of our 'Hi5 in 25!' visits.

Our visit to Chermside Community Health Centre will be to acknowledge some of the highlights you love about your work, look at opportunities for improvement and crown some Connecting Care Champions:

Chermside Community Health Centre Wednesday, 11 June 10.00 - 11.00 am

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

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