



Dear colleagues,

There are only a few days left for you to complete the 2025 Have Your Say Survey. If you're one of the more than 3,000 RBWH staff who have already completed it - thank you! If you haven't yet, you have until midnight on Sunday to do so. I encourage you to have your say and ensure your voice is heard as part of creating meaningful change at RBWH and Metro North.



As an added incentive, we are offering pizzas and coffee vouchers to teams with the best completion rates! At the moment, we have Finance Services and Allied Health in the running as top performers at 64 per cent and 50 per cent respectively! Well done to those teams - your efforts are appreciated.

Have Your Say only comes around every two years and it's your opportunity to tell us what you like about work and where you think we could improve. If you haven't accessed the survey yet, please take the time to do this in the next few days. You don't need to answer all the questions— just the ones that matter most to you. I understand it's a very busy time, but your feedback matters and we want to hear from you.

Got a few minutes now? Click below to get started!

[Take the survey](#)

RBWH Foundation Giving Day

Next Wednesday is RBWH Foundation Giving Day - the biggest day on the foundation's fundraising calendar, which is aiming to raise \$500,000 this year.

There will be a range of activities happening across RBWH and STARS on the day, including Seven Sunrise broadcasting live from the hospital from 5.30am to 8.45am. If you have a few minutes, pop by the main entrance to join the crowd and maybe end up on TV!

Later in the morning, at 7.30am you can get a sneak peak of the new 'Transport to Treatment' shuttle outside the main entrance. A joint project between the Foundation and Queensland Cancer Council, the shuttle will transport patients between Caboolture Hospital and RBWH to receive cancer treatment. This is a great initiative that removes a barrier to treatment for those from further afield to access services at RBWH. Driver recruitment is currently underway, with the service expected to start later this year.

If you'd like to [make a donation](#) to the foundation, now is the time! All donations will be doubled up to and including Giving Day. To make a more regular contribution, you can sign-up to payroll giving to have a set amount deducted from your salary. It only takes a small amount per member for a team to make a big difference. You can learn more about payroll giving [here](#).

If you're at work on Wednesday, I encourage you to get involved in some of the many activities happening around RBWH.

Queensland Cancer Centre update

You may recall the Queensland Government announced its Hospital Rescue Plan in April, which proposed a new approach for the Queensland Cancer Centre (QCC) among other hospital expansions and upgrades across the state.

As part of the delivery strategy for the QCC, a review of statewide demand for cancer care services will be undertaken. The review will consider workforce requirements, clinical services demand and cancer care infrastructure requirements. Consideration of these components ensures the future QCC and statewide cancer care services are designed to respond to the needs of the community accessing them.

Project user groups will re-start this month focusing on refining and developing models of care, program planning and design review, with the valuable work undertaken to date being used to inform future design iterations.

Thank you for your contribution and patience as the review progresses.

Kitchen open day

1.5 million meals, 403,000 sandwiches and 22,300 salads. They're some of the stats from our RBWH kitchen each year!

Of course, behind the numbers sits a team of more than 220 food services and dietetics staff who, earlier this week, opened the kitchen's doors for staff to get a peek behind the scenes at the hard work that goes into serving thousands of meals each day.

During the tours, staff were treated to an insight as to the scale of the kitchen and to learn about the processes and challenges involved in running the kitchen of the largest hospital in Queensland!



From meal prep to more than 8400 hours of dishwashing each year, the kitchen team does great work 365-days a year to ensure they operate efficiently and accurately to meet the often-complex nutrition needs of the patients in our care.



Mabo Day

On Tuesday this week, we marked Mabo Day. The date - 3 June - commemorates the landmark High Court decision in 1992 that recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander's land rights for the first time under Australian law.

The day also honoured the legacy of Eddie Mabo, a Torres Strait Islander Man from Mer Island, who challenged the legal doctrine of *terra nullius*—the idea that the land now known as Australia belonged to no one before British colonisation.

Mabo Day highlights this pivotal step toward justice and reconciliation.

The day also serves as a reminder of the ongoing efforts to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equity, rights, land ownership and cultural heritage.



Farewell and thank you, Nicki

Earlier today, the team in Thoracic Outpatients came together to celebrate the career of their colleague, Clinical Nurse Nicki Dunn (pictured, front middle with the team), who is retiring today after a stellar 47-year career. Nicki was farewelled with thanks and well wishes by her team this morning. Thank you for your contribution to our hospital and the community, Nicki. Enjoy your exciting next chapter!

Crazy Socks 4 Docs

Finally, tomorrow is Crazy Socks 4 Docs Day where everyone is encouraged to wear their brightest, boldest socks to raise awareness of mental health among medical staff. I encourage you to support this initiative as a way to continue breaking down the stigma and starting conversations about mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you for everything you do for our community.



Kind regards,

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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.



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