



Dear colleagues

As we move further into the winter months we'll continue to see more seasonal and respiratory illnesses in our community - and in our hospital. That increase has already been noticed with a steady increase in hospital patients with COVID and flu.

Many staff are now choosing to wear surgical masks in clinical areas. This is a choice that I support, and masks are available at hospital entrances for all who choose to wear them. I also strongly encourage everyone to bring their flu and COVID vaccinations up to date.

Just as importantly - if you are unwell - do not come to work. You do more harm than good by coming to work when you could make others ill - including our vulnerable patients.

If you are in any doubt, talk to your line manager before you come to work. If you become symptomatic while at work - put a mask on and tell your line manager that you need to go home.

Winter illnesses are not just respiratory either. In winter, we often see an increase in gastro-type illnesses too - another good reminder that hand hygiene is always essential.

Please take care of yourselves, and each other this winter.



REDDY Fun Run/Walk

The REDDY Fun Run/Walk was a great success again this year with around \$32,000 raised by the Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary - funds that will go toward more improvements in the Palliative Care Unit.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

- 21 km winners: Sasha Hilgers (01:30:00) and Amy Grouse (01:43:00).
- 10 km winners: Paddy Dinneen (00:40:22) and Amy Hockey (00:48:17).
- 5 km winners: Jack Rose (00:20:38) and Jana Farquharson (00:20:15).



Thanks again Rhonda Neal and all the REDDY Fun and Fitness volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Supporting Allied Health Assistants

Congratulations to our Director of Medical Imaging Tanya Oliver on being awarded an Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer Model of Care Grant to undertake a Medical Imaging Clinical Assistant project over the next two years.



This project will be a partnership between Redcliffe Hospital, Sunshine Coast Health Service and Children's Health Queensland.

The partnership project will involve better defining the scope and role of Medical Imaging Clinical Assistants and developing a delegated model of care and training package for use across Queensland.

Planning and Performance team

Last week, I was pleased to announce Donna Ryan's appointment as our permanent Director of Planning and Performance. This week, I'm pleased to announce Ashleigh Earnshaw will also be joining our Planning and Performance team.



Ashleigh will be starting at Redcliffe in mid-July and comes to Metro North Health from a similar role with the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service, and a clinical background in allied health as a dietician.

Ashleigh is also a PhD candidate with the Australian Centre for Health Services Innovation (AusHSI), researching implementation science and the factors that make clinical services successful for long term sustainability. Read more about Ashleigh's research journey [here](#).

Please join me in making Ashleigh welcome.

60th Anniversary Celebrations

Our celebrations for the hospital's 60th Anniversary are now well underway.

Along with the Gala Ball on Saturday night, we'll be celebrating this milestone with a Games Day with REDDY Fun and Fitness tomorrow, and a Staff Burger Lunch next Monday in the Staff Courtyard.



A particular reminder though about a very special Grand Rounds this Thursday featuring Associate Professor Pollard AM, presenting on the history of our hospital.

Associate Professor Pollard is a well-respected figure among clinicians at Redcliffe Hospital, and particularly knowledgeable on our past, having served as staff surgeon, Director of Surgery, and later as a VMO throughout much of that history.



That session will be on Thursday at noon on Level 2 in MBICC. Please join us, if you can.

To find out more details about how to get involved with all the events this week - [click here](#).

Listening Post with the CE - Tomorrow



The Have Your Say Staff Survey results will be available later this year, but there are more ways you can share your feedback and ideas about the hospital, and Metro North Health.

One of those ways is to come along to the Listening Post tomorrow afternoon at 2pm in the Staff Courtyard. This session will be a great opportunity to talk directly with the Metro North Chief Executive, Jackie Hanson - and to share ideas or ask questions.

Lastly this week, a reminder about the Redcliffe Show later this week.

With the show on, the car park at the showgrounds will be closed on Friday. Some streets near the showgrounds will also be no-parking zones. With lots more people about, there will be more demand for on-street parking too which may impact staff, patients, and hospital visitors.

Please be patient, be kind, and plan ahead.

Kind Regards

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Redcliffe Hospital

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