

Metro North Health

Message from the

Executive Director Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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Summary:

- Celebrating NAIDOC Week at CKW
- Congratulations to our medical registrars
- Metro North Strategic Plan update
- 2025 CKW Research Symposium - call for presentations
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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Kia Ora CKW team,

Happy NAIDOC Week! On Wednesday 9 July, Caboolture Hospital celebrated the 50th Anniversary of NAIDOC, displaying NAIDOC posters from decades past, continuing in the NAIDOC spirit.

This year's theme celebrates a milestone of 50 years of honouring the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia, their voices, culture and resilience. Honouring our next generations in continuing the movement towards recognition of rights, justice and equality, carrying the torch for Indigenous peoples towards a future that is courageous and respectful. While always following the wisdom and guidance of our Elders, communities and trailblazers, who have created pathways for our future leaders, therein lies the legacy of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

NAIDOC celebrations continue until Sunday and are an important opportunity to learn about the oldest culture in the world. I strongly encourage you to attend a NAIDOC event near you and immerse yourself in the culture by learning stories, artworks and sharing knowledge of NAIDOC and a way forward for our next generations.



Medical Registrar Training

The Department of Medicine and Older Persons are celebrating the success of their basic physician registrar trainees today. All six candidates have been successful in passing the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Divisional Clinical Examination, and this is the fifth year where Caboolture trainees have achieved a 100 per cent pass rate. This exam marks the end of basic physician training and enables these registrars to progress on their journey to becoming medical consultants.



This incredible achievement is a testament to the dedication of the trainees and the consultants and senior trainees who have provided exam training and practice on evenings and weekends, despite the consistent pressure on the medical teams over the past six months.

We would extend particular thanks to Dr Dominic Chan and Dr Andrew Koo for running the training program and clinical examination at Caboolture over the past 6 months and to Dr Simone Costa as Director of Physician Education for building a culture of success for our trainees.

Metro North Strategic Plan update

The [Metro North Strategic Plan](#) has recently been updated. It sets out the overarching

organisational priorities to guide our day-to-day decision making through to 2028.

The plan is made up of five pillars to help us meet the complex and continually evolving needs of our patients, workforce and the community:

- A workplace to be your best
- Research and innovation shaping the future of health
- A connected care system
- Health equity
- Delivering exceptional care

The plan also includes the new Metro North vision:

Creating healthier futures together—where innovation and research meets compassionate care, and community voices shape our services.

Meet with Chief Executive, Jackie Hanson on **Monday 28 July, 12-1pm**, Caboolture Seminar rooms 1 and 2 to discuss how we can embed the plan into how we operate day-to-day.

2025 CKW Research Symposium - call for presentations

The 2025 CKW Research Symposium will be held on Wednesday, 3 September 9am – 1pm, in the Auditorium.

Presentations are invited from staff, collaborators and students on:

- Research/QI Project – planned or in progress (5-minute presentation)
- Research/QI Project – completed (8-minute presentation)

Interested? Please submit by **COB Monday 28 July** using this [form](#).

For more information click [here](#) or email RDU.Caboolture@health.qld.gov.au



Protect yourself and others with a flu vax

Winter is upon us, and we are seeing an increased number of respiratory infections both in the community and presenting to CKW facilities.

We are sitting at 41 per cent for CKW staff flu vaccinations. This is a very low rate of vaccination, particularly noting the high rates of flu in the community.

This rate, however, does not include staff who have had vaccinations privately and have not provided the information to Infection Control. If any staff have had their vaccinations privately, you can provide the information to Infection

Control and they can enter it into the staff health database.

The Infection Control team are continuing to do ad hoc flu vaccinations, and I strongly encourage you to get one if you have not done so yet.

To book a flu vax please contact Infection Control on CabH-Infectioncontrol@health.qld.gov.au

Biomedical Technical Services (BTS) coming online

The new BTS department was handed over to the Caboolture Hospital Redevelopment Project team for commissioning last week. Protective Services have commenced monitoring the area.

The area came into operation on 8 July and the BTS team are very much looking forward to the new purpose-built space. If you don't know what the BTS team do, they provide health technology management services to ensure the health technology fleet is safe, effective and appropriate.



JULY _____ '25

WHAT'S ON

- ★ QLD SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 29 JUNE - 13 JULY
 - ★ NAIDOC WEEK 6 JULY - 13 JULY
 - ★ NATIONAL DIABETES WEEK 13 JULY - 19 JULY
 - ★ NATIONAL PAIN WEEK 24 JULY - 30 JULY
 - ★ DONATE LIFE WEEK 27 JULY - 3 AUGUST
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- ★ COMING OF THE LIGHT - TUESDAY 1 JULY
 - ★ WORLD HEPATITIS DAY - MONDAY JULY 28

CKW EVENTS

- NAIDOC EVENT - WEDNESDAY 9 JULY
- BRIBIE ISLAND SATELLITE HEALTH CENTRE TURNS ONE - THURSDAY 17 JULY
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOOD TRUCKS 5PM - 8PM
- STRATEGIC PLAN STAFF FORUM WITH JACKIE HANSON - MONDAY 28 JULY
- CKW STAFF FORUM - TUESDAY 29 JULY

Reflection

One of the reflections I have had this week, as I talk to our volunteers and patients around the site, is around humility. Humility is a key trait of leadership and is the ability to

consider one's own gaps but also embrace other's knowledge, differences and realities. It is a competency that partners with respect and compassion. Individuals who show humility, show gratitude and kindness. They are the leaders who are most respected. Humility can be practiced, taught and learned. I encourage you all to really think about aspects of humility that you can focus on each day.



This week, the executive leadership team and other staff have been volunteering to support our QNMU nursing colleagues. It has been great to be out and about, linking with staff and patients. I thank all our staff who have volunteered to support our QNMU colleagues and are focused on keeping our patients safe and well cared for.

Quotes of the day

"True humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know." - *Anonymous.*

"Humility is simply the disposition which prepares the soul for living on trust." - *Andrew Murray.*

**Got a question
or suggestion for the
CKW Executive Director?**

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Kind Regards

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Executive Director,
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Metro North Health



We uphold our commitment to health equity through our Values in Action
Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



Metro North Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which we live, work and walk, and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

Metro North Health's vision

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