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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear team,

Before Glynis returns on Friday, I want to thank everyone for their support over the last few challenging weeks.

Next week, we celebrate COH Connect Week, which is themed - **Courage to Connect: Your Voice. Our Action.**

Thank you to members of the COH Staff Council for organising these important celebrations.



Throughout the week, members of the COH executive and staff council will be visiting facilities to connect with staff to share ideas and strengthen our community.

COH Connect Week is about making the directorate a better workplace for all. It reflects our shared values:

- Caring for one another and the communities we serve.
- Integrity in listening and acting on your feedback.
- Respect for every voice, every role and every story.
- Excellence in creating a workplace where everyone can thrive.

Help us continue to build a culture where every COH staff member has a voice, is heard and valued. We can be stronger together through courageous conversations.

[Following is a list of site visits and locations.](#)

QSuper visits during COH Connect Week

During COH Connect Week, we will also see representatives from QSuper visit a number of COH facilities. Please take the time to touch base with the QSuper representatives if you have any questions.



Monday

- **Stafford Dental Clinic**, Staff Lunch Area, 12.00 – 1.00 pm
- **North West Community Health Centre**, Reception, 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Wednesday

- **North Lakes Health Precinct**, Level 1 Foyer, 10.00 – 11.30 am
- **Brighton Health Campus**, Cafe, 1.00 – 3.00 pm

Thursday

- **Aspley Community Health Centre**, Reception, 12.00 – 1.00 pm
- **Zillmere Transition Care Program**, Lunch Room, 2.00 – 3.00 pm

Friday

- **Sandgate Dental Clinic**, Staff Lunch Area, 12.00 – 1.00 pm

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

This week marks the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week, where we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

This year's NAIDOC theme is: 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy', which speaks to young First Nations leaders forging a vision for a bright future inspired by a commitment to building a legacy of unity, respect and self-determination for all.

I encourage you to show your support and join the many informal staff Cultural Yarn sessions held at COH facilities across the week to discuss cultural issues, demystifying beliefs and thoughts, or talk about anything you like.

[Community and Oral Health Cultural Yarns flyer.](#)

Metro North Strategic Plan refresh

Metro North Health have now officially released the [Metro North Strategic Plan 2024-2028](#).

This Strategic Plan outlines Metro North's direction and priorities for the years ahead, providing a clear framework to support decision-making, systems and practices across the organisation.

The Plan is built around five key pillars:

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

These pillars reflect Metro North's continued commitment to high performance and excellence as Australia's largest and most diverse healthcare service.

Over the coming weeks, Senior Management will visit COH to explore how the refreshed plan will be integrated into daily operations and to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to this conversation and to working together on bringing the Strategic Plan to life.

Updated Metro North corporate templates

Now that our refreshed [Metro North Strategic Plan 2024-2028](#) has been finalised, updated corporate templates are live on QHEPS and ready for use. The templates have been refreshed to include the new vision statement.

[Meeting templates](#) | [Metro North HHS](#)

Important upcoming COH events and activities





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Celebrating Disability Pride Month

Brisbane North Connecting Disability Health Forum

Community and Oral Health Service is hosting the Brisbane North Community Health Forum to update service providers on Julian's Key Health Passport during Disability Pride Month.

Thursday 24 July 2025
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Brighton Health Campus Auditorium
449 Hornibrook Highway 4017

[Click here to register](#)

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Final shout out - Cooinda House

Cooinda House is well known for its inclusive models of care and wellness initiatives which aim to make our residents comfortable, socialise more and feel more at home.

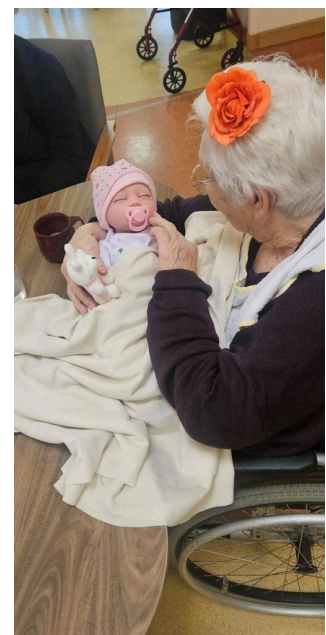
The recent introduction of baby dolls for residents experiencing dementia has been a wonderful addition to the care already provided.

The use of these dolls helped some residents who were missing their children or had enjoyed caring for babies as nurses.

Besides the two baby dolls, clothes were also donated by staff, and a range of baby bottles, nappies, a baby bouncer and basinet were introduced to make the experience as real as possible.

This thoughtful initiative, follows on from the recent trial of robotic pets at the facility which continues to be covered across our social platforms.

[See more ...](#)



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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

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



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