

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear colleagues,

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

Celebrations have been taking place across RBWH, with a market and Traditional Blessing by Auntie Maroochy on Monday and cake-cutting for staff and visitors on Tuesday.

Earlier today, some of our Indigenous Health Liaison Officers, including Bernadette, joined Food Services cook, Scott Tyson to deliver wattleseed biscuits to patients. One of the grateful recipients of the mid-morning treat was Claudine from Toomelah near Goondiwindi. Despite spending NAIDOC Week in hospital, Claudine was delighted to receive the biscuits as part of the celebrations at RBWH.

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.

NAIDOC Week continues until Sunday. I encourage you to show your support and join the celebrations and events.



5 Things Podcast - new series

This NAIDOC Week also marks the return of the '5 Things' RBWH Nursing Podcast, with the first new episode featuring RBWH Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Roslyn Boland.

In the episode, Roslyn talks about the importance of culturally informed compassionate care for First Nations people and shares stories from her own experience as well as that of the communities and families she has engaged with during her career.

The podcast is hosted by Staff Wellbeing Officer, Dr. Liz Crowe and Nursing and Midwifery Education Director, Jesse Spurr, who discuss a different healthcare-related topic in each episode and leave listeners with '5 things' they can take away and put into practice.

You can stream or download the new series wherever you access podcasts.



Staff Profile - Sean Burr

This week's staff profile features Sean Burr, an RBWH staff member of more than 17 years who is currently a Project Officer in HIS.

Sean is a proud Bundjalung Man, a Mob that hails from the area around Casino in NSW.

"I'm born and bred in Brisbane, but my dad - a member of the Stolen Generation - was born on Bundjalung Country," Sean said.

"Despite growing up away from Country and his birth family, he's since reconnected and formed relationships with some of them."

As we mark the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week, Sean explains what it means to him.

"For me, NAIDIC is about celebration and connection," he said.

"I'll be attending the Family Fun Day event at Musgrave Park on Friday and am looking forward to catching up with mates I haven't seen for a while."

Metro North Strategic Plan refresh

The [Metro North Strategic Plan](#) has recently been refreshed. 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.

Look out for your opportunity to meet with Chief Executive, Jackie Hanson in the coming weeks to discuss how we can embed the plan into how we operate day-to-day.

RBWH Staff Forum - today

The next RBWH all-staff forum is happening at 1pm today. At this session, I'll provide updates on current priorities around the hospital and will answer any questions you may have. To join the forum, click [here](#) in time for the 1pm start.

Thank you for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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Metro North Health





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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High performance | Teamwork

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