

Metro North Health

Message from the

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For: Information

Dear colleagues,

Winter is always a challenging time for our hospital and health service, and this year has been no exception. We are continuing to see increased numbers of patients presenting with respiratory illnesses, and staff becoming unwell with winter viruses.

You may have seen advice this week that we have now moved to Tier 1 of our Acute Respiratory Illnesses Response Plan. This means masks are required when caring for suspected or confirmed ARI cases. Of course, masks remain available throughout the hospital for any staff member to wear.

Another way to help stop the spread is to bring your flu and Covid vaccinations up to date. If you haven't already been vaccinated for flu this year - it's not too late! Vaccination is free for all Queenslanders at any pharmacy in the state or through your GP. Alternatively, you can click [here](#) to make an appointment for an on-site vaccine at RBWH. If you have been vaccinated outside Metro North, please update the details [here](#) to help us better understand staff vaccination coverage.

Importantly, please also ensure you stay at home when you're unwell to avoid making others, including vulnerable patients sick. If you are in any doubt, please speak to your line manager.

As ever, thank you for your commitment as we manage an increased number of patients seeking our care.

Nursing and Midwifery Open Day

The RBWH Nursing and Midwifery Career Open Day is happening on Saturday 26 July. This is a great opportunity for anyone from new graduates to experienced nurses to learn more about the range of roles available at RBWH. The event will include information booths from clinical services, staff support and professional development services and much more. Some of the regular RBWH Food truck vendors will also make a special Saturday appearance on the day.

The open day runs from 9am to 3pm, with a panel discussion event at 10.15am focusing on 'Future of Nursing and Midwifery at RBWH - Thriving, Intelligent and Compassionate.' Click [here](#) to learn more on the event flyer.



Staff Profile - Aideen Hanly-Platz

This week, we are heading to Safety and Quality to meet CNC Aideen Hanly-Platz, who leads the consumer engagement portfolio.



"In my role, I collaborate with staff and patients to improve care experiences and ensure consumer voices are heard in service planning, design and evaluation," Aideen said.

"I enjoy that the role allows me to make a real difference in how patients and their families experience care at RBWH."

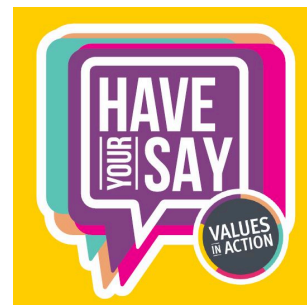
Aideen has been at RBWH for 10 years, continuing a healthcare career which has seen her work in nursing and project roles.

"I've been fortunate to be involved in many projects in my career, including establishing the Child Health telephone service in Queensland and implementing a consumer engagement program at St Vincent's, Northside," Aideen said.

Outside of work, Aideen enjoys travelling, staying active and catching up with friends over a good glass of wine!

Have Your Say results - join the Vidcast.

On Thursday 24 July, Chief Executive Jackie Hanson and Clinical Council Chair, Dr Alan Yan, will be joined by Director of BPA Analytics, Jacqui Parle, to discuss the Metro North wide results of the recent Have Your Say Survey and answer questions from staff.



I encourage you to join the session if you can. A recording will be made available for those who aren't able to join live.

Have Your Say results vidcast
Thursday 24 July - 12pm to 1pm (new time)
[MS Teams](#)

[Add the vidcast's NEW time to your calendar](#)

Following this session, the executive team will be briefed on the RBWH-specific results in early August, with these to be communicated to staff shortly after. I will provide more information on dates soon.

Executive team relocation

Along with the rest of the executive team, I will be relocating this weekend from the Lower Ground Floor of the Dr James Mayne Building to a new location.

From Monday 21 July, the new location will be:

UQ Health Sciences Building (B16) - Level 7

Please update your records to reflect this and direct future correspondence to the new location.

This relocation is in anticipation of the proposed Psychiatric Emergency Centre (PEC) refurbishment, with an indicative completion of mid-2027. This will see a new Mental Health Stabilisation Unit designed and constructed on the lower ground floor of the James Mayne Building to replace the existing PEC (which will remain operational during construction).

Thank you for your understanding next week as we settle into the new office.

Brisbane Open House

This weekend is Brisbane Open House for 2025, where some of the city's most historic and impressive buildings open their doors for the community to look behind the scenes. Among the buildings are the Edith Cavell, Lady Lamington and Museum of Nursing History Buildings on the Herston Campus. Check out the Brisbane Open House [website](#) for times and more information.

Respect and values

Finally, for today, with so much happening around the hospital at the moment, it's important we continue to treat each other with respect and work in line with the [Metro North values](#) in all of our tasks and interactions. We all have a role to play in maintaining a safe and positive environment for everyone.

Thank you all for your hard work and everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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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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