

Metro North Health

Message from the

## Executive Director RBWH

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### Summary:

- Protected Industrial Action
- RBWH Foundation - Celebration of Giving
- Donate Life Week - starts this Sunday
- Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Underway
- International Security Officers Day
- Speech Pathology Shoutout

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 5 min



For: Information

Dear colleagues,

The Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union (QNMU) is currently undertaking Protected Industrial Action (PIA) in support of their enterprise negotiations (EB12) around the Nurses and Midwives Award.

As an organisation, Metro North respects the rights of our staff who are QNMU members to undertake PIA. Similarly, we respect the rights of employees who are not members of QNMU or who alternatively choose not to take part in PIA.

I would like to thank those volunteers who have been assisting with frontline functional support and tasks at RBWH over the past few weeks.

All staff are reminded of Metro North's values of respect, teamwork, compassion, integrity and high performance.

Please look out for regular updates from Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Alanna Geary and Acting Chief People and Culture Officer Brett Bourke.

### Celebration of Giving

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to join with supporters, donors and ambassadors for the RBWH Foundation Celebration of Giving at Barrambin (Victoria Park).

The event was a great opportunity to celebrate the generosity of donors and the difference every donation makes to enhancing patient care and pursuing lifesaving research. You can read some of the powerful, individual stories in the [2025 Donor Impact Report](#).

The celebrations continued, as the Foundation announced the next rounds of grant recipients (pictured below). This latest grant funding covers areas including next-generation infection diagnostics and embedding consumer voices in how we deliver care and train future clinicians. These projects have the potential to reshape healthcare, to make it more personalised, equitable, and effective into the future. Congratulations to all recipients - you can read the full list [here](#).



### Donate Life Week

This Sunday marks the start of Donate Life Week for 2025, where Australians are encouraged to register as organ and tissue donors and to talk to family and friends about their decision.



Statistics indicate that 4 in 5 Australians say they support donation, but only 1 in 3 are on the Australian Organ Donation Register. Donate Life Week is an opportunity to change that.

Donation Specialist Nurse, Lorraine (pictured) is championing the cause and encouraging people to consider the life-saving impact that organ and tissue donation can make to others.

For more information about organ and tissue donation, or to register, click [here](#) and visit the stand in the atrium to learn more.

### Prostate cancer clinical trials underway

Last week marked a significant moment for our Medical Oncology and Nuclear Medicine teams as Australian-first Phase-2 clinical trials of a new treatment for patients with end-stage metastatic prostate cancer commenced.

The new therapy - *Actinium-225 PSMA* - treats prostate cancer cells by directly targeting the Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA) to deliver a powerful blast of radiation to within a fraction of a millimetre of cells that have the receptor, while leaving healthy cells untouched.

The new treatment also has minimal side effects for patients compared with other therapies, allowing them to get back to their usual activities within a few days.

This innovative therapy provides patients with new hope to further improve life expectancy and quality of life outcomes. Well done to everyone involved in getting us to this point.



### Thanks for keeping us safe

Yesterday was International Security Officers Day, where we acknowledge our security staff for the important role they play in our hospital. While they often have a quiet presence on campus, the team are there to protect patients, staff and visitors when potentially volatile situations arise. Thank you for your dedication and for always keeping our community safe.

### Speech pathology shoutout

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to spend some time with our fabulous speech pathology team. You may recall they were the recipients of a pizza lunch to celebrate their achieving the highest participation rate in the recent Have Your Say survey.

It was great to chat with the team and learn more about their work and how their 'superpowers' of commitment to teamwork, innovation and

communication keep them at the top of their game in delivering high-quality care for patients, while supporting each other through a culture of continuous improvement and ongoing education.

Finally, for today, I will be taking some leave on 4 August. Thank you all for everything you manage significant demands for our service.

Kind Regards

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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innovation and research meets compassionate  
care and community voices shape our services.



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