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Dear colleagues

This week, we're celebrating NAIDOC Week and two of the oldest continuous living cultures on earth.

The [theme](#) for this year's NAIDOC Week, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy", speaks to the positive future that organisations like Redcliffe Hospital are helping create, with our commitment to achieving Health Equity.

Thanks again to all those staff who came along to join in our NAIDOC Week celebrations and activities in the Staff Courtyard on Tuesday.



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Race to the Roof

Race to the Roof has been run and won for 2025!

Fifteen competitors lined up to compete in Race to the Roof this year, with each runner timed on how quickly they ascended the six floors in the main building stairwell.

Congratulations to winners Jack Franklin from Patient Services, with an impressive time of 22.3 seconds, and Kate Prykhodko from Occupational Therapy, with a time of 33.85 seconds.

Thanks again to the REDDY Fun and Fitness team for arranging the event, and to the volunteers who helped make the event a safe one for everyone.



Star of the Month for June

Congratulations to the Transit Lounge on being named Star of the Month for June, for putting patients first and their daily impact on improving patient flow.

Congratulations also to Joseph Shipman, who shared this month's award for his work in educating Emergency Department staff on infection control prevention strategies.



We had a record number of nominees for June with 25 teams and individuals nominated, including:

- Alison O'Donnell & Peta Robinson
- Helen Funk
- Phoebe Lodge
- Jeffrey Brown
- Jodie Gordon
- Cicy Hormeses
- Ben Holmes
- Sam Lakin
- Emergency Department
- Ron Shankar
- Courtney Edgely
- Lini Zacharia
- Carolyn Johnson
- Phoebe Lodge
- Lisa Cameron
- Claire Cole
- Susie Rae
- Jessica Williams
- Alison Tagney
- Gail Hinch
- Kerrie Mason
- Christina Kapitsalas
- Emma Whitten

Nominations [for the July Star of the Month award](#) close on Tuesday 15 July.

Stop Racism. It Starts with Me

Metro North Health has launched its new anti-racism campaign **Stop Racism. It Starts with Me**, just in time for our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The campaign invites all of us to address unconscious bias and institutionalised racism in healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The campaign was co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, patients, and community members, as part of truth-telling and focusing on what racism looks like, sounds like, and feels like.

The campaign is supported by a newly developed [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander anti-racism policy](#) and reporting mechanism for incidents of racism.

It is designed to create educational awareness among Metro North's workforce and empower you collectively to see racism, change it and stop it.

The initial focus of the campaign is supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with future phases supporting the culturally and linguistically diverse community and other racially affected communities working in and accessing Metro North Health.

This is an important initiative to affect real change in our health system - I encourage everyone to get on board and put a stop to racism.

A series of films, posters and educational resources have been created and can be accessed [here](#).



REDDY Fun and Games for our 60th Anniversary

We had more fun and games last week as we continue to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Redcliffe Hospital.

Thanks to REDDY Fun and Fitness, staff enjoyed a free sausage sizzle, popcorn and cupcakes - together with a few games of ping-pong outside the Rehabilitation Unit.



60th Anniversary trivia competition & scavenger Hunt

Facility Services have been helping to keep the fun going for our 60th Anniversary celebrations with a trivia competition and a scavenger hunt.

Well done to Amanda Corser, who got 12 out of 15 questions right in the scavenger hunt.

Congratulations also to the winners of the trivia competition - Caryn Alner and Tamika Seccombe.

New transmission-based precaution procedure and signs

Redcliffe Hospital has rolled out new transmission-based precaution procedure, signs and a standardised personal protective equipment (PPE) risk assessment tool. These updates aim to improve staff clarity and consistency when managing infection risks across clinical settings. All staff should familiarise themselves with the new signage and [assessment tool](#) and apply them in their daily activities in providing care for patients.



A feature of the new signage is QR codes for visitors - providing clear and easy to understand information on what PPE and protections are necessary when visiting a patient.

If you have any questions about the new posters or assessment tool, talk to your line manager, or the Infection Prevention team.

Staff profile - Karen Chippindall

As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, many staff have told me about their personal and family connection to our hospital. One of the best stories I've heard though comes from Karen Chippindall.

Karen is our Discharge Planning Coordination Unit and Transit Lounge Nurse Unit Manager, and starting at Redcliffe Hospital back in 1989 as a student nurse.

As a student nurse, Karen lived in the nurses quarters. That building became known to many of us as West Block.

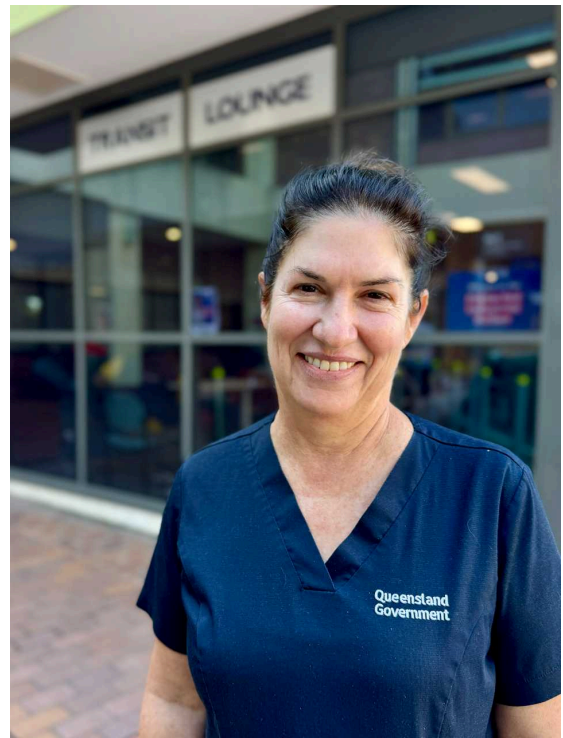
"I commenced as a student nurse in 1989... I worked as an RN firstly in the ICU then moved to theatres, then to the surgical ward," Karen said.

Karen's career in nursing includes a long list of roles, in many wards and specialties. She says that despite everything that has changed, Redcliffe Hospital still has a similar feel, in that staff are friendly and approachable.

She also says that everyone is still focussed on improving patient care, and open to new ways of doing things.

"The dynamic nature of health is what keeps my interest and passion going," Karen said.

Karen's team in the Transit Lounge were our Star of the Month for June, awarded in part for their passion for improving patient safety and the patient experience.



Lastly this week, as we move through the winter months it's likely that we will see days where the hospital experiences peak levels of clinical demand. On those days, we may need to move the hospital onto Tier 3 Capacity.

When we move to Tier 3 Capacity, you'll receive an email with ways that you can assist - including by cancelling or postponing non-essential meetings and training. If you're in any doubt about what a Tier 3 means in your work unit or team, please talk to your line manager.

Thank you again to everyone for your hard work.

Kind Regards

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Redcliffe Hospital

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