

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

- New multi-storey car park opens Monday 14 July
- NAIDOC Week celebrations across TPCH
- Executive team attends ACHSM DG Budget Breakfast
- Salary Packaging and Novated Leasing event wrap-up
- Staff profile – Dr Rachel Park
- Special recognition for compassionate interhospital transfer
- Shout out to BEMS for lighting upgrades

Message feedback

**Audience: All staff****Read time: 4 min****For: Information**

Dear team,

This Monday, marks an exciting milestone for our campus with the opening of our new multi-storey car park at 5am on 14 July. This much-anticipated development improves access for both staff and visitors, and I'm pleased to see it completed.

Some final works are still underway and the existing multi-storey car park will temporarily close to allow for upgrades. As with any new space, it may take a little time for people to find their way around. Our team will be onsite to assist.

Traffic changes will also begin from 6am, Sunday 13 July, with Jacaranda Drive and Eighth Avenue returning to two-way flow traffic. This means there will no longer be any parking allowed around the helipad and along these streets. Please take extra care when driving around the campus and follow signage.

Executive update

This week, we've been celebrating 50 years of NAIDOC Week – a milestone that highlights the importance of recognising and honouring the culture, strength and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme, *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*, encourages us all to reflect on the role we play in building a more equitable future.

Thank you to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services team for leading this week's hospital-wide events. Your efforts created meaningful opportunities for staff and patients to engage with the week.

It's also been fantastic to see departments across the hospital holding their own NAIDOC Week events while taking time to reflect on the [Metro North Health Equity agenda](#).



Flag Raising Ceremony



Yarning Circle in the Gathering Garden



ED NAIDOC Week Bake Off



Physiotherapy NAIDOC Week BBQ

ACHSM DG Budget Breakfast

On Wednesday, the Executive team attended the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) Queensland DG Budget Breakfast, joining health leaders from across the state.

We gained insights into the state's budget for the years ahead, many aligning with ministerial focus areas. These directions support the important work already underway at TPOCH and Metro North. It was a valuable opportunity to hear about our strategic direction across the Queensland health sector.

Salary Packaging and Novated Leasing Event

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Salary Packaging event on Monday. It was a great

opportunity for staff to speak directly with providers, enjoy a free coffee and some snacks, and learn more about the options available across providers.



Staff profile – Dr Rachel Park



This week, we're putting a spotlight on Dr Rachel Park, a proud Arrernte woman and Junior Medical Officer at TPCCH. In her role as Medical Administration Resident Medical Officer, Rachel supports Medical Administration priorities across the hospital, advocates for junior doctors and is helping strengthen cultural support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues.

Raised on Larrakia Country in Garramilla (Darwin) and having studied in North Queensland, Rachel is passionate about population health and health equity, and is currently completing a Master of Public Health. When she's not working, she enjoys hiking, swimming, camping and basketball.

Special recognition

A sincere thank you to all who were involved in making a compassionate interhospital transfer happen this week. Thanks to the incredible teamwork between TPCCH and Ipswich Hospital, a young mother was able to receive end-of-life care closer to home and her babies. The transfer was complex, with teams working under pressure to ensure her wishes could be met.

A special mention to the Electrophysiology (EP) Team for their flexibility in supporting a patient swap for the transfer. Every effort made had a significant impact on the patient and her family.

Shout out

A big shout out to our electricians, fitters and gardeners who have done a great job on the street lighting upgrades around the entire campus.

These improvements have made a noticeable difference in visibility and safety across

walkways, car parks and access roads, especially during the darker winter evenings. Thank you for your hard work!



Kind regards

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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