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Message feedback



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Dear colleagues

Last night I was thrilled to attend the Metro North Research Excellence Awards at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The event was an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the many achievements in research from across our health service.

RBWH was well represented among the award winners, with congratulations to:

- **Professor Pamela McCombe**—2025 Researcher of the Year
- **Dr Samantha Bunzli**—Rising Star Award
- **Associate Professor Lauren Kearney**—Professor Joan Webster Nursing and Midwifery Award
- **Professor Nicole Marsh and colleagues**—Clinical Research Award
- **Integrated Cancer Research (I-CARE) Collaborative - Clinical Trials** —Research Support Award

The next event in the research calendar is the Herston Health Precinct Research Symposium, which is happening from 1st to 3rd September. You can learn more and register [here](#).



Professor Pamela McCombe
Award nominations closing soon
 2025 Researcher of the Year



Dr Samantha Bunzli
 Rising Star Award

Following on from last night's event, awards season continues across Metro North, with nominations closing soon for the RBWH Staff Excellence Awards and the Corporate Business Services Awards.

The Staff Excellence Awards are your opportunity to celebrate those who have gone above and beyond to deliver across RBWH. Nominations close at 5 pm on Monday, 8 September. Click [here](#) to view all award categories and to nominate.

The Corporate Business Services Awards nominations close on Wednesday, 27 August and recognise the outstanding individuals and teams who support our health services. You can submit nominations [here](#).

I encourage you to take a few minutes to nominate those whose achievements deserve to be shared and celebrated.



Have Your Say Survey - results briefings

Earlier this week, line managers across RBWH received their team's Have Your Say Survey results. In the coming weeks, they will make time to share the results with their staff to start planning local responses to them.

If you'd like to learn more about the Metro North-wide results, join Acting Chief Executive, Dr Liz Rushbrook next Wednesday from 8.30 am in the Education Centre foyer to discuss the

results and the recently refreshed Metro North Strategic Plan.

Next Thursday (28 August) at 1.30pm, I am hosting an all-staff forum to unpack the RBWH results and discuss how we will respond to the feedback. You can join this session in the Education Centre Auditorium or on Teams [here](#).

We all have a role to play in shaping our organisational culture. I encourage you to join the results sessions and get involved in being part of positive change at RBWH.



A nuclear medicine talent pool closer to home

I am pleased to let you know that RBWH is participating in a new Embedded Students Program that will enable budding nuclear scientists to study here in Queensland.

This program is a collaboration with RMIT University and removes geographical limitations to students who may have been unable to relocate interstate to study nuclear medicine.

RMIT embedded student, Mia (pictured with Louise Campbell - Director PET) was drawn to nuclear medicine by its combination of pharmacology, technology, science and appreciates that the program allows her to get hands-on and put into practice the theory she's learning at university.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring a career as a nuclear scientist, click [here](#) for more information.

Shine bright for the RBWH Foundation

As part of their 40th anniversary celebrations, the RBWH Foundation are raffling for the chance to win a diamond ring, valued at \$25,000! Tickets are \$10 each (less for multiple entries). Click [here](#) to learn more.

Wear it Purple Day

Finally for today, next Friday (29 August) is 'Wear It Purple Day', where we show young LGBTQIA+ people they have the right to be proud of who they are and that they are seen and valued. Remember to wear something purple on the day to show your support.

Thank you all for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

Louise Oriti

Executive Director,
Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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Creating healthier futures together—where
innovation and research meets compassionate
care and community voices shape our services.



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