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- Metro North Research Summit - an overview

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Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to share that Metro North hosted its second annual Research Summit on Thursday 21 August at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The event, hosted by the Metro North Office of Research, was attended by over 140 guests from across Metro North, Queensland Health, and our academic, philanthropic and commercial clinical trials partners, to hear from local, national and international experts about emerging research topics. We were also fortunate to be joined by Dr David Rosengren, Director General of Queensland Health, who shared his vision for the future of health care in Queensland.

The impressive line-up of keynote speakers engaged us with presentations that reinforced the impact and value of research in improving patient care. These included Professor Grant McArthur AO who spoke on the role and value of institutes and centres of excellence in cancer care, sharing lessons learned from his experience as Chief Executive Officer of the VCCC Alliance in Victoria. He was joined by Assoc Prof Melissa Eastgate, Dr Michael Wagels, Prof Steven Lane, Prof Gail Garvey, and Prof Kim Alexander for a lively panel discussion.

International keynote, Dr Natalie Pageler MD, Stanford University delivered a compelling presentation on the future of artificial intelligence in healthcare, and was joined by Prof Clair Sullivan, Assoc Prof Quan Nguyen and Prof Steven McPhail for an insightful panel discussion.

A highlight of the event was the very entertaining Dr Karl Kruszelnicki AM who took us on a journey of discovery from chocolate and wine to clean energy and everything in between.

We closed the afternoon with presentations from various Metro North researchers whose work is supporting the delivery of excellence in health care. Chaired by Assoc Prof Joel Dulhunty, we heard from Adj A/Prof Thuy Frakking, A/Prof Kylie Burke and Sharon Gordon, Prof Jed Duff, Dr Natasha Roberts and Dr Peter Bell.

We extend a special thanks to the event sponsors—the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation; The Common Good, an initiative of The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation; Queensland University of Technology; the University of Queensland; and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. Without their generous sponsorship and support, events like this would not be possible.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important event, we look forward to another successful Metro North Health Research Summit in 2026.

Regards,
Bernard and Liz

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