

Metro North Health

Message from the

## Executive Director RBWH

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Dear colleagues

Across 3 days this week, staff from across the hospital came together for the Herston Health Precinct Symposium. Themed 'Advancing Health Together', the event showcased and celebrated research that improves health outcomes for our community. Topics explored included compassionate care and wound and trauma care innovations. The symposium also included a lively debate on artificial intelligence in healthcare (pictured) and an inspiring keynote by Professor Leonie Callaway, who discussed her career journey as a researcher.

The event concluded with a series of awards to recognise excellence in research. Congratulations to all the winners and those who were highly commended.

Thanks to those who organised this year's event and to everyone who attended. This quality of the presentations (including the many posters on display) is a credit to the standard of research happening across RBWH and the Herston campus.



## Celebrating 40 years strong

Last weekend, I had the pleasure of attending the RBWH Foundation's Ruby Gala Ball at Brisbane City Hall. Hosted by board member and journalist, Sharyn Ghidella, the gala raised more than \$200,000 for the foundation and showcased how funds raised support patient care innovation and life-saving research. Among the highlights of the night was former RBWH patient, Juliette, who gave an emotional performance of a self-written ballad of gratitude to the RBWH medical team who saved her life and the foundation. You can watch her performance [here](#).



## Staff Profile - Luke Berridge

In the lead-up to Father's Day this weekend, RBWH physio Luke Berridge shares his dad's story of hope and resilience following a life-changing accident.

"I was in year 12 at the time when dad had a bike accident which resulted in two crushed vertebrae and a compressed spinal cord," Luke said.

"While dad's accident wasn't my inspiration to become a physio, it opened my eyes to different types of physio and the difference it makes to quality of life."

"The experience of seeing dad recover has helped me better understand the lived experience of my patients and their loved ones, to provide more holistic patient-centred care."

Luke's dad, Mark, has now returned to a good quality of life and is a patient ambassador for the RBWH Foundation. You can read more of Luke and Mark's story [here](#).

### September Staff Forum - campus safety

One of the key themes from this year's Have Your Say Survey was the need to address campus safety and how we respond to instances of occupational violence. To discuss our work in this area, I have invited Peter King, Director of Facility & Support Services and Sgt Jacob Cranston, Officer in Charge of RBWH Police Beat, to attend next week's staff forum. The session starts at 1pm Wednesday on Teams. Look out for the link to join early next week. I hope to see you there to discuss this important topic.

### Learnings from a trauma care expert

Last night, I attended the 14th annual Kenneth Jamieson Lecture, which was co-hosted by the Jamieson Trauma Institute and RBWH Trauma Services.

The event was headlined by Professor Len Notaras OA (pictured) who discussed his experience as part of the emergency response to the 2002 Bali Bombings, the rapid mobilisation of the Royal Darwin Hospital and the development of what would become a national repatriation model.



Throughout his presentation, Professor Notaras highlighted the importance of global standards in trauma care and creating cultures of innovation, adaptability and mentorship. It was great to hear from Professor Notaras about his considerable experience and learnings from across his career.

### Admin officer selection process

Looking for a fresh challenge at RBWH? Or do you know someone who might be a good fit to join our team? If so, we are currently recruiting for 10+ AO3 Administration Officer roles across the hospital. To apply, upload your resume and answer the screening questions on [Smart Jobs](#). Those who progress to the next stage will be invited to an assessment centre later this month.

### RBWH Staff Excellence Awards - nominations close on Monday

Finally, for today, nominations for the RBWH Staff Excellence Awards close at 5 pm

on Monday. Don't miss the opportunity to nominate your colleagues for their outstanding work in one or more of the nine categories. Click [here](#) to nominate now. The RBWH Staff Excellence Awards ceremony is happening on 9 October - more information to follow soon.

Thank you all for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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