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Summary:

- RBWH Staff Excellence Awards - finalists announced
- Royal Week
- Blood Cancer Awareness Month
- Catherine's transport to treatment
- A tribute to healthcare heroes

Message feedback



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Dear colleagues

Over the last month or so, staff across RBWH have been nominating their colleagues across eight categories for the Staff Excellence Awards. Today, I'm pleased to announce the finalists in each category. Congratulations to all!

The Staff Excellence Awards and Length of Service Awards ceremony is taking place in the Education Centre on Thursday 9 October. I look forward to seeing you there.

Excellence in Integrated Care

- **RADAR** – First Placement Pathway
- **Cancer Care Strategy and Planning Team** - Cancer Council
Qld Transport to Treatment Metro North Shuttle.

Improving First Nations Health

- **Tahira Scott, Mike Terry, Louise Dale and Alex Cation** - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kidney Health advancement
- **Cessa O'Reilly, Vesta Sexton, and Aurora Hodges** - First Nations Palliative Care Engagement Project

Excellence in Training & Education

Excellence in Performance

- **Angela Jin** - CNC & Credentialed Diabetes Educator
- **Ramari Marumaru** - Metro North VAD team
- **Dr Jane Mason** - QLD Haemophilia Centre
- **Sahra Ashley** - Drug Use Evaluation Pharmacist

RBWH Foundation Impact Award

- **Monica NG** - Staff Specialist Nephrologist
- **Reece Crawford** - RBWH Foundation Ambassador

Excellence in Health Equity

- Adam Turbutt, & Cath Saddler - Nurse Educators
- Dr Dharmenaan Palamuthusingam - Staff Specialist, Nephrologist
- Claire Scoles, Nicki Parker, Sam Holman, Jo Haines, Sharon Zhu - Metro North Kidney Health Education Team
- Dr Frances Williamson - Deputy Director Trauma Service

Team Royal Award

- Kylie Dunbar-Reid - NUM North Lakes Dialysis Unit
- A/Prof Melissa Eastgate, Janine Deevey, Amanda Mellow, Mandy Fairclough, Kirk Morris and Po-Ling Inglis- Youth Cancer Service team
- Michael Wilson - A/Senior Dietitian
- Rafael Handoko - RN
- Tayla Brind
- Susan (Sue) Taylor -Research Services Manager
- RBWH Waste Officers

- Louise Dale - Improving cultural safety in the kidney health service
- Sean Burr – Excellence in Health Equity
- Khaliyah Nagas - Excellence in Health Equity

Compassionate Care

- Ramari Marumaru - Compassionate Care
- Metro North Kidney Supportive Care team – Implementation of Nurse Practitioner-led supportive care home-visit model.
- Jennifer Gillies & the Dietetic Assistant team - Discharging with Dignity: The Food Parcel Project



A right royal week of fun

This year's Staff Excellence and Length of Service Awards will form part of the inaugural '*Royal Week*.' Happening from Tuesday, 7 to Friday, 10 October, Royal Week will include activities across the four days, such as a 'pay it forward' initiative and the *Race to the Roof Rodeo*. I encourage you to get involved. Click [here](#) to learn more about what's taking place.

Acting Chief Executive visit

Last week, we welcomed Acting Metro North Chief Executive, Nick Steele, for his first visit to RBWH since starting in the role. During the visit, Nick met with staff in the Emergency Trauma Centre and the Discharge Transit Centre to learn more about their work and our services. Nick will return to visit other areas of our hospital next week and is eager to hear more from staff about the challenges they face and potential solutions to them.

Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Monday this week was Lymphoma Awareness Day, a part of Blood Cancer Awareness Month. With more than 135,000 Australians living with blood cancers, and rates of the disease increasing, these events are important awareness tools to help the community recognise and seek care when they experience signs and symptoms. To mark the event, staff from across the hospital have installed an information stand in the atrium for staff, patients and visitors to learn more.



Consultation on the future of cancer care

Initial planning is now underway for the 10-year Metro North Health Cancer Care Clinical Services Plan 2026-2036. All RBWH staff are invited to participate in the stakeholder consultation process as part of this planning. You can learn more about how to get involved [here](#), including through a survey that opens on Monday.

Cancer care shuttle

A touching tribute

Sticking with the cancer care theme. Last week, I mentioned the new Queensland Cancer Council bus that is providing 'transport to treatment' between week of 2025. His most recent song, 'Miracle', Caboolture, and RBWH. This week, I can introduce Catherine, who, along with her husband, Bill, was the first patient to use the new service this week. Describing her

'sense of relief' at learning the service was available, transport is one less thing

for Catherine to worry about as she starts her treatment. For information about the service and how to refer patients, click [here](#).

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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Metro North Health's vision

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



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