

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

- STARS Staff Excellence Awards and Length of Service Awards
- Metro North Staff Excellence Award nominations
- Allied Health Professions Day
- Pay it Forward initiative

Message feedback



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Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday we held our inaugural STARS, Oral Health Centre and VECS Staff Excellence Awards.

It is important to come together to recognise the contributions of our staff – their dedication, commitment and excellence makes our workplace the wonderful place that it is.

We also presented Length of Service Awards, recognising team members for their long and dedicated service to healthcare in Queensland.

Thank you those who assisted in organising the event and to Adam Kent who did a wonderful job as MC.

Congratulations to all our winners, finalists and nominees.

Excellence in Performance

Winner - Dietetics and Food Services

Highly Commended - Central Sterilising Unit (STARS)

Highly Commended - Debra Martin



Improving Healthy Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Winner- Henry Nona and Ann Birch



Excellence in Innovation

Winner - STARS Dietitian-led Coeliac Clinic
 Highly Commended – Ward 4B Nursing Team
 Highly Commended – Second – Dr Branco Wu



Highly Commended - Russell Cooper



Service to the Community

Winner - Dr Pablo Regueiro



RBWH Foundation Impact

Winner – Raj Singh



Executive Director's Award

Winner - STARS Elective Surgery Case Management Team



Length of Service Awards





Photo 1: Paola Moore and Estel



Photo 2: Haylee Kajewski, second



Photo 3: Ines Cruz (25 years)

Photo 4: Jane Holt and Giovanni

Photo 5: Sarah McLean (35 years)

Photo 6: Ann Birch and Bruce G

Allied Health Professions Day and Awards

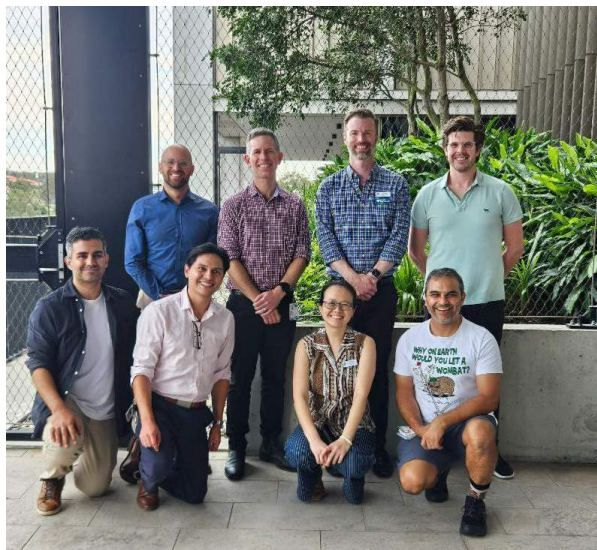
It was a week for awards with the Allied Health Professions Awards being held on Tuesday, Allied Health Professions Day.

This year's theme for Allied Health Professions Day was 'Stronger together', which recognises the unique skillsets and contributions of each profession, while showcasing the benefits of multidisciplinary team-based care.

A wonderful example of multidisciplinary care within the allied health professions in action is the Rehabilitation Innovation and Technology Assessment (RITA) trial service, funded by the Motor Accident Insurance Commission (MAIC).

The RITA service is a collaborative effort between researchers and health practitioners from the Jameison Trauma Institute, STARS, RBWH, PAH, QUT, Griffith University, and UQ.

This month, the team welcomes four new RITA members within Metro North including STARS physiotherapists Benjamin Hay and Raj Singh. This marks an important milestone in the project, as the team expects to commence a clinical study within Level 4&5 at STARS, within the next couple of months.



Metro North Staff Excellence Awards

Nominations are [now open](#) for the Metro North Staff Excellence Awards.

The Metro North awards are a great opportunity to ensure our achievements this year are recognised alongside those from other Metro North Health facilities.

If you didn't get a nomination in for our Staff Excellence Awards, consider nominating for the Metro North Staff Excellence Awards. Nominations close Monday 27 October with winners to be presented at the gala dinner on Friday 28 November.



Steptember winners

We announced our wonderful Steptember winners in last fortnight's message but here are the winners!



Photo 1: Staff Council Co-Chairs Oliver Mason and Ben Frost, presenting the winners, Stepping with Braditude, with their trophy and prizes

Photo 2: Team Ctrl+Alt+Del My Knees - Third place and winner of best team name

Pay it Forward initiative

The STARS Staff Council, Sushi Yado and the RBWH Foundation kindly donated vouchers for a free rice bowl to staff around the hospital. The intention is for the vouchers to be passed on to another staff member to brighten their day.

We've had some great feedback on the initiative including:

"It really made my day, being able to pass it on and spread joy".

"I picked someone who had a rough day and it was great to be able to feel like I could improve their day just a little".

Visit from Wally Lewis

The RBWH Foundation are facilitating a visit from Wally Lewis this coming Monday 20 October. There will be two sessions, held in the Level 4 Ability Centre.

Wally will meet with patients, listen to their stories and help out in a therapy session from 1.15pm- 1.45pm. So patients get to spend the maximum time with Wally, we would like patients in this session to have pre-signed photo consent forms.

From 1.50-2.15pm Wally will also be available to meet with staff (other patients are also welcome to attend).

September Staff Shout Outs

Congratulations to all those individuals and teams who received a Staff Shout Out in the month of September:

Anthia Gouskos, April Williamson, Adam Kent, Level 7 Bookings Office, Kelsey John & Joseph Box, Ash Zeller, Daniel Boles-Scott, Nicholas Saunders, Shilta Devi & Geerthika Galister, Barry Moore, Angus Greenwood, Jenny CN Breast Care, Emmaline Falconer, Peter Hancock, Peter Mizzi, Rose Nisbet, Grant Butler, Breanna Young, Jess Hunt, Bei Sun, Blair Carroll, Levi Stringer, Nick Kaufmann, Felicity Trenfield, Regino Catorce, Oliver Stone, Rebecca Maree Jackson, STARS Central Sterilisation Unit, 6B PSOs, STARS Theatre and PACU teams and General Surgery OPD Team. A special mention also goes to Adam Kent who received three Shout Outs this month - well done!

Thanks for those staff who continue to nominate their colleagues each month. It is such an easy way to let someone know that their efforts are appreciated.

If you would like to nominate someone for an October Staff Shout Out, you can do so [here](#).

Kind Regards

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We uphold our commitment to health equity through our Values in Action
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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