

Metro North Health

Message from the

Acting ED Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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Summary:

- Executive update
- Remembrance Day - Marie Dawe
- Congratulations Graham Winbank
- Stop racism. It starts with me vidcast
- CKW Health and Safety notice board competition

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

As I mentioned yesterday, CKW Executive Director Karlene Willcocks has taken emergent leave. I will be acting in the role of Executive Director during this period.

I will work with Karlene's office to ensure any meetings and commitments are met. Please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you for your patience during this time.

Marie Dawe - Remembrance Day, Tuesday 11 November

11 November marks the anniversary of the Armistice in 1918 that ended World War I. Every year at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, millions around the world pause to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today.

This Remembrance Day, join us in honouring those who gave their lives in service, as Caboolture Hospital support officer and ex-service personnel, Marie Dawe, recites the Ode over the PA system, followed by the Last Post.

I thought it fitting that we should reflect on Marie's story today.

At a spritely 21, Marie saw an ad in the local paper and decided to join the Royal Australian Navy as a writer in the supply branch, where her tasks would range from clerical, pay



accounts, HR, personnel administration, and defence recruiting.

Not all Marie's tasks were based on land, and in 1994 she was part of the first female crew to board HMS Canberra, a war ship containing approximately 180 crew members which patrolled the coast of Australia and South-East Asia to protect our coastline.

"I made some amazing friends who taught me how to be a Leading Seamen at sea," Marie said.

"Even though I was in administration, I still had to go through basic training and learn how to fire an SLR rifle and a pistol.

Thank you for your service, Marie.

Congratulations Graham Winbank

Congratulations to Graham Winbank who was recently recognised by the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation as a community fundraising champion for the support he has generated (nearly a quarter of a million dollars) through his Love Your Ovaries/Frocktober events.

Graham raised nearly \$19,000 profit for Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation at the event held last Friday.

The effort that goes into organising these events is truly amazing.

Graham is true testament that together, we will overcome ovarian cancer.



Stop racism. It starts with me vidcast

On Thursday, 13 November from 12pm, Acting Metro North Chief People and Culture Officer, Brett Bourke and Executive Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

STOP RACISM

It Starts with Me

Health, Sherry Holzapfel will be hosting a *Stop Racism. It Starts with Me* vidcast for all staff.

This follows on from the anti-racism campaign launched earlier this year which achieved recognition not only within Metro North but across the state. I encourage you to make time to join this vidcast and hear more about the campaign, the policy, our

reporting mechanisms and how each and every staff member has a responsibility, backed by a strong organisational commitment, to create spaces for our community, patients and staff that are free from racism and discrimination.

VIDCAST | Stop Racism. It Starts with Me campaign commitment

Thursday 13 November

12pm to 1pm

[Join here](#)



CKW Health and Safety notice board competition

I am happy to announce and congratulate the Caboolture Hospital Food Services Team for winning the CKW Health and Safety Notice Board Competition, which was held as part of Safe Work Month celebrations!

The winner was selected by members of the Health and Safety Services team from entries throughout CKW facilities.

Please continue utilising your workplace health and safety notice boards to share relevant health and safety information. Please do not hesitate to contact Health and Safety Services if you need any assistance.

Thank you to all who participated and congratulations Food Services Team!



Leave over Christmas

With the 2025 Christmas and New Year period now fast approaching, please be advised

that following advice from Metro North, there will be no formally mandated stand down period.

While services will continue to operate during this time, it is anticipated that there will be some reduction in activity during the weeks commencing 22 December and 29 December, due to both public holidays and concessional days.

Please ensure necessary planning to support these arrangements within your teams and service areas is underway. It is crucial that leave is documented and approved in line with service requirements to ensure critical functions continue.

What's On - November

NOVEMBER ————— **'25**

WHAT'S ON

- ★ **MOVEMBER - MENS HEALTH AWARENESS**
- ★ **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**
- ★ **NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH**
- ★ **WORLD ANTIMICROBIAL AWARENESS WEEK**

- ★ **REMEMBRANCE DAY - TUES 11 NOV**
- ★ **WORLD DIABETES DAY - FRI 14 NOV**
- ★ **WORLD PREMATUREITY DAY - MON 17 NOV**
- ★ **INT DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - MON 25 NOV**

CKW EVENTS

- **CKW STAFF FORUM - WED 26 NOV 10AM**

Quotes of the day

"The future is here - it's just not very evenly distributed. "- William Gibson

"The patient experience begins and ends with compassion. "- anonymous

Both of these together are the future of health care.

Kind Regards

Dr Ted Chamberlain

Acting Executive Director,
Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

Metro North Health



We uphold our commitment to health equity through our Values in Action
Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



Metro North Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which we live, work and walk, and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

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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