

Metro North Health

Message from the

Acting ED Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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Summary:

- Executive update
- TPCHF 40-year milestone launch event
- Adolescent and young adult healthcare staff survey
- Memorial garden
- Staff recruitment and movements
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

This week has been challenging, as we spent a few days on Tier 3 due to high patient demand. I would like to share feedback received from Samantha Powell, Associate Clinical Nurse Consultant, recognising the extraordinary efforts of our Emergency Department teams during a period of significant operational demand over the past two days.

Across the department, staff demonstrated professionalism, adaptability and teamwork under pressure. Our medical staff, including Consultants, Registrars, SHOs and JHOs (including those new to the rotation), were commended for their calm approach, clear communication and responsiveness, supporting timely clinical decision-making in challenging circumstances.

The nursing team showed strong situational awareness and consistently went above and beyond to maintain patient care, safety and flow. Our Operational Support Officers and cleaning staff, many of whom were new to the department, performed exceptionally well, taking direction, responding to requests and contributing positively during a demanding period.

Administrative Officers also played a critical role, demonstrating excellent responsiveness and adaptability, helping to maintain order and effective communication across the department.

Even during the busiest periods, teams shared moments of humour and collegiality. An important reflection of the culture, resilience and professionalism that define our

Emergency Department.

Thank you to everyone involved for your teamwork, commitment and high performance during these challenging days.

The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation 40-year milestone launch event

Yesterday, Caboolture Hospital was lit up with the colour purple as we proudly helped to launch The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation's 40-year milestone. Caboolture Hospital has partnered with The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation for the past six years.

In that time, we have been grateful to receive funding and support for clinicians, researchers and care teams to deliver exceptional patient care, and ensuring community generosity is directed where it can have real and lasting impact.

Yesterday was a celebration of partnership, purpose and the people who make a difference for the Caboolture community - now and into the future.

You can read more about what to expect during their 40-year milestone year here: www.tcg.org.au/40years



Adolescent and young adult healthcare staff survey

We're inviting all staff to complete a short anonymous survey about caring for adolescent and young adult (AYA) patients. Whether you see AYA patients every day or only occasionally, your perspective will help us understand what's working well and where we can strengthen support pathways, education and environments.

To complete the survey, [click here](#).



Memorial Garden

As part of our ongoing commitment to pastoral care for our patients and broader community, the Memorial Garden located beside the Chapel will continue to be maintained as a peaceful and reflective space for remembrance.

Historically, this area has been used for the interment of ashes for families experiencing early pregnancy loss. In recognition of the significance of this space, Memorial Services for families who have experienced early pregnancy loss will once again be held in the chapel, led by our kind Chaplains.

These services provide a meaningful opportunity for parents and loved ones to honour and commemorate their loss in a supportive and

compassionate environment.

Thank you for your continued support and sensitivity in upholding the importance of this space for our community.



Staff recruitment and movements

Our wonderful Medical Administration Registrars, Dr Kylie Stephan and Dr Monica Korecki, will be finishing up at CKW over the coming weeks.

I would like to thank them for their incredible efforts during a particularly challenging time at CKW. I wish them all the very best for their new adventures.

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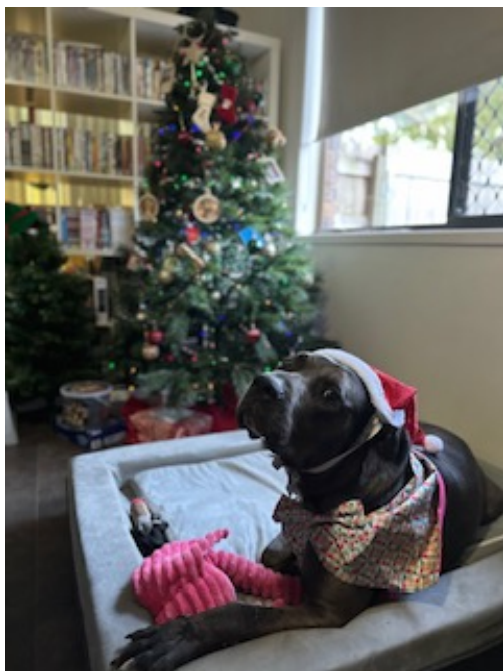
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WHAT'S ON

- ★ WORLD BRAILLE DAY - 4 JAN
- ★ AUSTRALIA/SURVIVAL DAY - MON 26 JAN
- ★ CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

CKW EVENTS

- TPCHF 40 YEAR LAUNCH - THURS 22 JAN
- JANUARY STAFF FORUM - WED 28 JAN



CKW Pet of the Week

This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Jemima Moral, Clinical Nurse in the Emergency Department.

Name: Zeus

Age: 5 years old

Breed: Great Dane x Bull Mastiff

About me: Zeus was adopted from the RSPCA Dakabin Animal Care Centre in 2023. According to his chip, his name was already 'Zeus', so we kept it so that he wouldn't be confused. He was a malnourished big gentle giant at 40kg. Over time, he has lived with me, my husband and now baby and has had a healthy 10kg weight gain. With a healthy coat and more filled out body frame, he is easily excited when meeting new people, but he

doesn't like anybody in hi-vis vests. His happy tail (more like a whip) does some serious wall and furniture tapping when making new friends. He has an intimidating bark, but he is a big doofus once you are friends. He is halti lead trained and goes for late night walks with his favourite human (my husband), because despite him being very friendly, he is very anxious and reactive to other animals. He likes to chase the birds away from the backyard and doesn't like the neighbourhood cats, possums and bats.

Funny story: One time for dinner, we got a roast chook from Woolworths for quick midweek dinner. We went and sat down to eat while the chicken was on the kitchen counter. I came back for seconds, and it was nowhere to be found. The only one at that end of the house was Zeus. He is now not trusted anywhere near a roast chicken. (Luckily, we didn't need to

go to the vet.)

Slogan: Zeus, a very good boy (most of the time).

To have your pet featured, please send a photo and the above details [here](#).

Quote of the day

"The most wasted of days is the one without laughter."

E.E Cummings

Kind Regards

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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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