

Message from the

Acting Executive Director Redcliffe Hospital

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Dear colleagues,

Thank you to everyone for giving me such a warm welcome to the Acting Executive Director role while Cang takes some well-deserved leave. I hope you all enjoyed some time with your families over the festive season and had a chance to relax and rejuvenate. I would like to shout out to all staff who worked over Christmas and New Year's, so we could continue to provide vital healthcare to our community. The Redcliffe Hospital Executive team are grateful to you all.

Important staff safety reminder

I would like to take this opportunity to remind staff to remain vigilant of their safety at all times. Always ensure you:

- Stay aware of your surroundings. Using headphones or speaking on your phone decreases your situational awareness.
- Walk to or from your parked car with a buddy.
- Avoid areas where you don't feel safe eg. Short-cuts through parks or areas of darkness.
- Walk in the opposite direction to traffic, and where possible.
- Be confident and assertive, and trust your instincts.

If you are in a situation where you feel unsafe on the Redcliffe Hospital campus, do not hesitate to contact Redcliffe Security Services on **(07) 3883 7010** for assistance. If you are experiencing safety concerns off-site, please contact the Police on 000.

Governor visit

On Tuesday, the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, visited Redcliffe Hospital as part of her pledge to visit all Queensland public hospitals during her term.

The Governor made her way to a number of areas throughout the hospital during her visit, including the Emergency Department, ICU, Maternity, Paediatrics and 5 West, and spoke with many staff members about their work at Redcliffe Hospital.

The visit coincided with our graduate nurses' first day on the ward, and the Governor had the chance to spend some time with them and learn what inspired them to become nurses. She applauded their excellent choice of career and encouraged them to embrace every opportunity.

Her Excellency also had a particular interest in the hospital expansion and how it would improve our ability to care for our growing population and increasingly complex case mix.



Redcliffe Hospital Director of Medical Services

I wish to advise that Dr Josh Hatton will be returning to his substantive role as Director of Medical Services at Redcliffe Hospital on 27 January 2026.

Dr Hatton has been undertaking a secondment to support organisational priorities and will now resume his role at Redcliffe.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Dr Luis Prado and the Medical Services team for their work during this period.

Dr Hatton will be working closely with clinical, governance and operational leaders as he reconnects with teams and priorities across Redcliffe Hospital.

I know you will join me in welcoming him back and supporting our shared focus on patient safety, staff wellbeing and high-quality care for our community.

Nursing and Midwifery Education

As I mentioned earlier, last week was an exciting week for our Nursing and Midwifery team as they welcomed their new graduate nurses and midwives.

Many of the new graduates attended the inaugural Patient Flow Day and Trauma Informed Care Workshop, which was held in the Education Centre and led by Nursing Director of Education Sharon Ragau and her education team.

We received a lot of positive feedback from the participants and enjoyed a fun scrubs day, which made the room very colourful and inviting.



On a final note, our staff members who have young families are likely to have a busy week next week with the return to school. I hope the new school year starts smoothly for you and your children.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

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