

Metro North Health

Message from the **Board Chair**

Bernard Curran



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Dear colleagues,

This year's Australia Day Honours included some familiar names. Congratulations to Associate Professor Anthony Lynham AO and Dr Jason Brown PSM for your commitment to public healthcare. Former TPCH and RBWH staff Dr Mark Waters OAM and Dr John Allan AM were also recognised.

Thank you to everyone who joined the recent vidcast with myself and Chief Executive Nick Steele. We received a great variety of thoughtful questions. I appreciate the feedback I've received recently about the opportunities and challenges across the organisation. Planning is about listening to our people and identifying where we can remove barriers and enable success. I recognise there is a lot of work to be done to achieve the goals in the Strategic Plan, and we are working hard on culture, sustainability and fostering a workplace to be our best. I'm very optimistic that we will get there.

This was reflected in the principles of the Health Service Plan which the Board signed off at our first meeting of 2026 last week. The plan extends to 2041 and outlines proposed steps for Metro North Health to deliver health care in line with projected population growth in the region and new models of care that support patients with out-of-hospital-care closer to home. The Board also signed off the Sustainability Plan and thank you to everyone who has contributed to this process.

The Board also received an update on the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs five-year plan 2025-2030 which outlines a path to delivery evidence-based healthcare.

Artificial intelligence is moving quickly and there are many ways AI can be utilised in the healthcare setting. The Board provided support for the strategic AI roadmap presented

to take advantage of this technology while protecting sensitive and confidential patient information.

Queensland Ambulance Service is a crucial partner to Metro North. Senior representatives from QAS attended the board meeting to discuss opportunities for expanding and strengthening our partnership beyond patient transport.

In addition to meeting staff, Board members met with two consumers from the STARS Education and Research Alliance to hear about their experiences in helping to shape healthcare into the future.

Regards,
Bernard

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



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