

Message from the

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Summary:

- Executive update
- CKW Educator of the Year Awards
- New social work office
- Metro North Hospital Stock Exchange
- CKW Pet of the Week

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Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff at Woodford Corrections and the Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre who dealt with difficult patient situations last weekend. Both teams did extremely well considering the circumstances and managed to ensure the patients' families and staff were cared for accordingly.

2025 CKW Educator of the Year Awards

Last Thursday at Grand Rounds, we had the pleasure of celebrating the 2025 Educator of the Year Awards — an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the incredible educators across Caboolture Hospital for their dedication, passion, and commitment to teaching.

I am delighted to announce this year's category winners:

- Consultant Educator of the Year: Dr Dominic Chan
- Registrar Educator of the Year: Dr Eric Yap
- Prevocational Educator of the Year: Dr Brian Kahnamelli
- Nurse/Midwifery Educator of the Year: Rebekah Clouston
- Allied Health Educator of the Year (Pharmacy): Claire (Pey Weon) Kok

A special congratulations to Dr Eric Yap, who was named the overall 2025 Educator of the Year.

Well done to all our nominees and winners — your commitment to supporting your colleagues and students makes a lasting difference in our education community. We truly value the enthusiasm, expertise, and mentorship you bring to your roles every day.



CKW 2025 Length of Service Awards

The CKW Length of Service Awards for 2025 will be taking place on Wednesday 3 December at 10am in the Auditorium. We will be handing out certificates from 10 years of service through to 40 years (in five-year increments) followed by cake to celebrate. Diary invitations will be sent to recipients shortly.



New social work office

The social work department has moved to its new office location on Level 1 in the Main Hospital Building (adjacent to Medical Records).

After a very long journey to get to this point, the team are very happy to be in their new space. Please note this is a new office administration area and cannot be accessed by patients and families.

Metro North Hospital Stock Exchange

Healthcare workers and consumers are aware of the significant waste that is generated through Australian hospitals, and this significantly contributes to material and financial loss as well as environmental pollution and carbon emissions. Metro North continues to make considerable effort to reduce the environmental footprint of delivering healthcare in Queensland.

The Green Metro North team have collaborated with stakeholders across Queensland Health to develop an internal circular economy program called the Hospital Stock Exchange. The program ensures that items such as furniture, office equipment, clinical consumables and other equipment are redistributed to extend their lifecycle and value chain for as long as possible.

All Metro North directorates are invited to participate in the program and reports on waste prevention and financial savings will be reported regularly.

This is a great opportunity for ALL STAFF to contribute to environmental sustainability across Metro North.

Head to the Metro North Environmental Sustainability [Workforce Hub](#) on SharePoint to find out more about the Hospital Stock Exchange, how to join and participate.

For further information please email
GreenMetroNorthHospitalStockExchange@health.qld.gov.au



Are you impacted by occupational violence? Help co-design local solutions

The Metro North Clinical Council has been asked by Acting Chief Executive, Nick Steele, to identify quick actions we can take as an organisation to reduce the impact of occupation violence and support our staff when it occurs.

Expressions of interest to attend a one-day OV workshop are open to Wednesday 19 November. I encourage managers to find time for staff and themselves to attend where possible. This is an important issue we need to address and one that came through loud and clear in the Have Your Say results.

- **Who should attend:** Frontline and support staff, especially working in high-risk areas.
- **Date:** Thursday 4 December
- **Time:** 8.15am to 3pm
- **Location:** Brighton Health Hub campus

Experts from Legal, Clinical Governance, QPS, Health and Safety and your peers with lived experience will discuss when you can legally and ethically refuse patient care and other tough questions.

If you can't make the workshop but would like to submit a question for discussion, you can do so through your Clinical Council Chairs [here](#). Spots are limited.

[Express your interest now.](#)

What's On - November

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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 PREMATURITY DAY - MON 17 NOV
- ★ INT DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - MON 25 NOV

CKW EVENTS

- CKW STAFF FORUM - WED 26 NOV 10AM



CKW Pet of the Week

Thanks to a suggestion from a staff member, each week we will feature a CKW Pet of the Week.

Kicking it off is Luke Shorten who has come to CKW to help roll out some operational tasks.

Name: Rafa

Age: 8-years-old

Breed: Mini Schnauzer

About me: The breeder we bought him off named the whole litter after the top 10 tennis players at the time and we thought it suited him well!

While only being little he has the attitude of a big dog, very protective of his humans and his house. Once he knows you and you give him plenty of pats, he lets you in and then will not leave you alone.

Every night before his bedtime (8:30pm he is very particular) he does his “patrol of the perimeter of the house” and will check to make sure that everyone is safe before he can relax.

He loves food, especially hot chips.

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

Quote of the day

"Creativity is the art of finding a new route to a known destination."

Simon Sinek

Kind Regards

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Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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