

Metro North Health

Message from the

Acting ED Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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Summary:

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- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 5+ min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

Friday night saw us come together for the Metro North Staff Excellence Awards at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, and what a fantastic evening it was. We were joined by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, Tim Nicholls, and Director-General, Dr David Rosengren, who both commented on the outstanding achievements and incredible energy in the room.

A big congratulations to all winners and highly commended finalists. Thank you to the Metro North Communications team for their hard work in delivering such a polished event, and to our very own Parker Michaels, for guiding the night so effortlessly.

While we didn't take home any awards this year, there's certainly been no shortage of celebrations across CKW in recent weeks.



CKW Allied Health Staff Excellence Awards

Last Thursday, Anne Padayachee, Director of Allied Health hosted the CKW Allied Health Staff Excellence Awards. This year saw an incredible 50 nominations, showcasing the dedication, innovation, and teamwork that define our service. The awards recognise individuals who go above and beyond in living our values and delivering exceptional care. Congratulations to all nominees and a special shout-out to our winners and highly commended staff. I am pleased to announce and congratulate the following award winners and highly commended recipients:

Overall Excellence in Allied Health

- Winner: Basil Alias (Physiotherapy)
- Highly Commended: Jordan Worcester (Physiotherapy)

Values in Action – Teamwork

- Winner: James Weston (Speech Pathology)
- Highly Commended: Donne Clengan (Occupational Therapy – Clinical Assistant)

Values in Action – Respect

- Winner: Danielle Buhach (Dietetics)
- Highly Commended: Benoy Thomas (Social Work)

Values in Action – High Performance

- Winner: Lucy Anderson (Occupational Therapy – CLT)
- Highly Commended: Hilda Tiong (Pharmacy)

Values in Action – Integrity

- Winner: Nicky Cartwright (Administration)
- Highly Commended: Dayna Clough (Occupational Therapy)

Values in Action – Compassion

- Winner – Claire Archer (Dietetics)
- Highly Commended – Bethany Frost (Occupational Therapy)

Early Career Award

- Winner: Sam Walton (Occupational Therapy)

Leadership Award

- Winner: Louisa Lightfoot (Physiotherapy)

- Highly Commended: Ni Koegelenberg (Social Work)
- Highly Commended: Shenali Fernando (Speech Pathology)



Consumer Christmas morning tea

This week we held the 2025 end-of-year Consumer Christmas Thank You Morning tea. We brought together members of our Consumer Network and the Child and Youth Health Advisory Group for our final meeting of the year, where we celebrated all of their activities and achievements.

This year we formally engaged 26 consumer representatives across CKW, who collectively attended more than 300 hours of committees and working groups and completed more than 60 hours of patient surveys. We thank all of our consumers for sharing their experiences and feedback with us to help make healthcare safer and more accessible for everyone.

CKW 2025 Length of Service Awards

On Wednesday, we held the 2025 Length of Service Awards to celebrate the dedication and commitment of the staff of Caboolture and Kilcoy Hospitals, Woodford Correctional Centre and Metro North Mental Health teams of Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospitals. It was great to acknowledge the dedicated service of 106 people and a combined 1,715 years of service.

A big thank you to Kirby Harwood and Parker Michaels for putting the ceremony together. I know how much work goes into an event like this behind the scenes. Also, thank you to our presenters Connie Gray Assistant DON Ambulatory Care and Education, Mitchell Brind Acting Manager Facility and Support Services, Simone Garrett-Walcott, Metro North Red-Cab Mental Health Clinical Director and Judy Gentle People and Culture Manager.

Staff who couldn't attend the event will receive their certificates and badges over the next few days.



Peer Review

CKW will be undergoing a Metro North Peer Review on Tuesday and Wednesday 9 - 10 December 2025. This is a valuable opportunity to be assessed by our Metro North peers to determine how we are tracking against the National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards to ensure we continue to provide safe, quality health care to our patients and community.

As Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre underwent their ACHS organisation-wide assessment earlier this year, they will not be included in this year's Metro North Peer Review. The Metro North Peer Review team will, however, be visiting Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford Corrections, and the Caboolture Satellite Health Centre.

Keep an eye out for the Peer Review assessors in your work areas, welcome them to CKW and answer any questions they may have. It is a great opportunity to show some of the great quality improvement activities happening across our services.

Should you have any questions regarding the Peer Review process, please reach out to the Clinical Governance Unit on 5433 8038 or via CKW_DirectorClinicalGovernance@health.qld.gov.au.

Dr Arif Shaikh honoured with prestigious Hind Rattan Award

I am proud to announce that our ICU Director, Doctor Arif Shaikh, has been recognised on the international stage with the prestigious Hind Rattan Award 2025. This distinguished honour, which celebrates the outstanding contributions of Indians around the world, was conferred during a special ceremony marking the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The event took place at the iconic Victorian building in Oxford UK, hosted within the Lord Mayor's Office.



This award is a testament to Doctor Shaikh's unwavering dedication to medical excellence and his exemplary leadership within our Intensive Care Unit. Please join me in congratulating Doctor Shaikh on this remarkable achievement and for representing our directorate globally.

New cancer treatment service for Caboolture

This week marked a significant milestone for our community with the opening of the new Day Chemotherapy Unit and commencement of cancer care services at Caboolture Hospital.

For the first time, patients requiring chemotherapy, immunotherapy and other supportive cancer treatments can access their care closer to home. Until now, many local patients

faced commutes of up to three hours to receive essential treatment.

The new service also supports patients with non-malignant blood disorders, ensuring a broader group of patients benefit from improved access to specialised treatments. Being able to offer high-quality cancer care locally means patients can spend less time travelling and more time focusing on their health, surrounded by their loved ones.

This milestone reflects the commitment of the Cancer Care team, whose passion and collaboration has brought this much needed service to Caboolture Hospital.

Congratulations to Cancer Care Services and the Caboolture Hospital Redevelopment Project teams.



Have Your Say: Post Survey Action Planning

This workshop is open to all managers on Tuesday 9 December, to help engage their teams in identifying priority areas for culture improvement and co-designing targeted, practical goals, in response to local Have Your Say survey feedback.

If you're a manager needing some assistance, I encourage you to register via TMS.

For more information, please email MNtraining@health.qld.gov.au.



Meet our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Community Engagement Officers at Caboolture and Bribie Island Satellite Health Centres

Community Engagement Officers play a key role in providing cultural engagement and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the Caboolture, Kilcoy,

Woodford and Bribie Island communities.

Core responsibilities include:

- Coordinating and participating in culturally informed health promotion and education activities, including matters relating to Men's and Women's Business.
- Developing and maintaining strong partnerships with community organisations and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to co-design and co-deliver health initiatives that enhance outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Collaborating closely with the Cultural Capability Officer and Consumer Engagement team to support the planning and delivery of culturally significant events.

<p>Men's Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Men's Groups• Health promotion on specific health matters i.e. Movember, heart and kidney health• Walking groups at Caboolture and Bribie Island• Cultural information days• Healthy ageing health promotion days.	<p>Thomas Casey</p>   <p>Chris Ewin</p>	<p>Women's Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women's Collective Bi-Monthly Meetings• Women's Business Shared Pathways Yarning Circle• Breast Screening health promotion days• Heart and kidney health promotion• Healthy ageing health promotion days.	 <p>Steph Archibald</p>
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What's On - December

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WHAT'S ON

- ★ WORLD AIDS DAY - MON 1 DEC
- ★ INT DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY - WED 3 DEC
- ★ INT VOLUNTEER DAY - FRI 5 DEC
- ★ HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - WED 10 DEC



CKW EVENTS

- CONSUMER XMAS MORNING TEA - TUES 2ND
- LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS - WED 3RD
- OPENING OF A&TSI OFFICE AND GARDEN - FRI 12 DEC 10:30AM
- XMAS DECORATING JUDGING - WED 17TH
- CKW STAFF FORUM - THURS 18TH
- CHAPEL XMAS CAROLS - THURS 18TH

CKW Pet of the Week



This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Rhemy Hinckesman, SOPD Administration Officer.

Name: Winnie

Breed: 7 months old

Breed: Hungarian Vizsla

About us: When we picked Winnie up from her breeder, they said that it is a myth that Vizsla's are known as the 'Velcro Dog'. I can confirm, they were very wrong.

Winnie is not only the most loving and snuggly dog, but she is the most chaotic ball of energy too. She loves the beach and loves to scare mum and dad by chasing birds into the dunes. Although Winnie has her own toddler cot, she loves to wake mum up by crawling into her bed (and onto her head) for snuggles.

Winnie may look fierce and scary, but I can assure you, she won't do her night-time wees without mum as her personal security guard.

Winnie's favourite treat is champagne ham that she steals from dad.

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

Quote of the day

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive."

Dalai Lama

Kind Regards

Dr Ted Chamberlain

Acting Executive Director,
Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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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