

Metro North Health

Message from the

## Acting ED Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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### Summary:

- Executive update
- Roze's aspiration journey
- Life-changing cancer care
- Senior Health Workers - Ngarrama Maternal Health
- National Apology Day
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



**For:** Information

Dear CKW team,

This week, I want to begin by acknowledging that our hospital again entered Tier 3 due to sustained patient demand. While these periods are challenging, I want to sincerely thank every member of our team for the way you came together to support one another and our patients.

Your flexibility, professionalism and collective effort enabled us to move through Tier 3 quickly and safely. It is during times like these that the strength of our workforce and our shared commitment to patient care are most evident. Thank you for everything you continue to do, often under significant pressure.

### Roze's aspiration journey

Six-year-old Roze was born at Caboolture Hospital and was experiencing ongoing respiratory and feeding difficulties, enduring years of illness, fatigue and repeated infections.

Following investigations, clinicians found a deep interarytenoid groove, (also known as a minor laryngeal cleft,) that caused Roze to aspirate fluids into her airway.

Roze and her mum Emma are now contributing to a study at Caboolture Hospital where the team, led by Adj Assoc Prof Thuy Frakking, is developing a digital app to diagnose

swallowing impairment.

Read more on Roze's story on the Metro North Newsroom [here.](#)



## February What's On

# FEBRUARY

# '26

### WHAT'S ON

- ★ RED FEB MONTH
- ★ OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- ★ WORLD CANCER DAY - WED 4 FEB
- ★ FEEDING TUBE AWARENESS WEEK - 1 - 7 FEB
- ★ ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY - FRI 13 FEB

### CKW EVENTS

- NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY COMMEMORATION - FRI 13 FEB
- FEBRUARY STAFF FORUM - WED 18 FEB
- BISHC YARNING TABLE - WED 26 FEB

## Life-changing care closer to home

Cancer patients who've previously had to travel for their treatment can now be treated nearer to home, thanks to the newly opened Day Chemotherapy Unit at Caboolture Hospital.

One of those patients to benefit is Andrew, who had previously been driving to and from North Lakes for treatments before the new Caboolture Hospital unit opened late last year.



"Being five minutes away means my wife can drop me off and pick me up after treatment and I am home quickly," Andrew says, attesting to the positive difference the unit has made.

"My cancer diagnosis has changed what is important in life.

"It's spending as much quality time with my wife, daughter and stepson, not wasting my energy on things that aren't important and living my life as normally as I can."

Read more about the Day Chemotherapy Unit on the Metro North Newsroom [here](#).

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### Senior Health Workers - Ngarrama Maternal Health

Ngarrama is a free antenatal and birthing service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who choose to give birth at Caboolture or Kilcoy Hospitals.

The service is available to:

- Any woman who identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and
- Any woman whose baby is Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Caboolture Hospital has two Ngarrama Senior Health Worker positions. These Senior Health Workers provide support across Caboolture Hospital and the Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre.

Ngarrama Senior Health Workers are part of a broader multidisciplinary team working collaboratively across Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Caboolture, Kilcoy and Redcliffe Hospitals to support culturally safe maternity care.

Thank you to the Ngarrama Maternal Health team for providing such integral care to the community.





CKW Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group Invites you to attend

# National Apology to the Stolen Generations 18th Anniversary

**FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026 | 10AM – 12PM**

**Community Connect Room and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Courtyard, Caboolture Hospital**

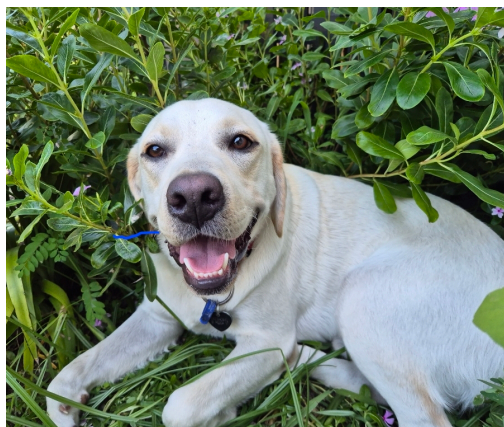
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**Please join us to commemorate this day.**

On 13 February 2008 Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made a formal apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – particularly addressed to members of the Stolen Generations, whose lives were affected by past government policies that forced child removals and assimilation.

2026 marks the 18th Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations.



## CKW Pet of the Week

This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Dee Dee, Emergency Registrar.

**Name:** Beluga

**Age:** Two and a half years old

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

### About me:

We adopted Beluga at 14 months. He was as big as a whale and as wild as one too, hence his name. He has now slimmed down to a handsome young pup.

He was the dog to turn dog-lovers off dogs. When we first brought him home, he was stubborn, impulsive, aggressive towards other dogs, destructive and ate everything that was small enough to get into his mouth (the more expensive or likely to cause a bowel obstruction the tastier it was to him). He had so much energy but couldn't be walked due to his extreme behaviours.



Beluga is an intelligent, loving, playful and gosh, so handsome, just look at those big eyes.

With the help of a veterinarian behaviourist, trainers and lots of love and patience, he has come so far. He has taught me a lot about patience, persistence, acceptance and the power of love. He inspires me and I'm so proud of him.

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

### Quote of the day

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking."

William Butler Yeats

Kind Regards

**Dr Ted Chamberlain**

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Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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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.

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care and community voices shape our services.



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