

Metro North Health

Message from the

Acting ED Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

Tuesday marked Lunar New Year as we welcome the Year of the Horse. It is wonderful that we work in such a culturally diverse directorate and get to share these special occasions with our colleagues. I would like to wish a Happy New Year to everyone in our hospital community who is celebrating. I hope you enjoyed spending quality time with your friends and family.

Thank you to all who took the time to join the staff forum on Wednesday with Geoff Grima, Deputy Executive Director. Geoff touched on topics such as ieMR privacy breaches, the Have Your Say Survey, cultural transformation activities in the works, upcoming events and the monthly staff awards.

Congratulations to Christine Howard, Blaize Schneider, Cyrick Ebay and Caroline Young for winning the CKW Star of Service Award for February.

These cooks selflessly cancelled their recreation leave over the Christmas and New Year period to ensure uninterrupted meal services for patients at Caboolture Hospital. In addition to maintaining essential services, they went above and beyond by including



additional festive Christmas items to the menu, while also ensuring all staff working on Christmas Day were acknowledged and provided with meals.

The Values Awards for February went to:

- Phoebe Webber (**INTEGRITY**)
- CKW Chaplin's (**COMPASSION**)
- Patient Safety Officers Steph and Mel (**HIGH PERFORMANCE**)
- Martiza Harvey (**HIGH PERFORMANCE**)
- Emma Cooper (**HIGH PERFORMANCE**).

Congratulations to all of this month's winners.

Celebrating women and girls in science

Congratulations to graduate registered nurse Jianne Lamadrid from Caboolture Hospital's Planned Procedure Unit who recently completed a career pathway project through the Australian College of Nursing's 2025 Emerging Nurse Leader Program.

The program explores the role of the Nurse Immuniser, combining research with insights from Nurse Immuniser Judith Jones, a Clinical Nurse Consultant from Infection Control at Caboolture and Kilcoy Hospitals. The project highlights both the formal pathway - AHPRA registration, clinical experience, and accredited immunisation training and the lived realities of the role.

It showcases immunisation nursing as a dynamic, rewarding career grounded in lifelong learning, public health impact and patient-centred care, while also acknowledging challenges such as vaccine misinformation and the need for strong communication skills. Together, their perspectives reinforce that nurse immunisers play a vital role not only in administering vaccines, but in building trust, promoting health and supporting communities. This work was published as an article in the Australian College of Nursing's The Hive Summer Edition 2025/2026.



February What's On

FEBRUARY

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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 DEADLY FEET CLINIC - WED 26 FEB



Staff profile - Rachael Ramsay, Midwife Navigator

For more than six years, Rachael Ramsay has played a vital role in supporting socially and vulnerable pregnant women at Caboolture Hospital, helping them navigate complex health and social systems to achieve the best possible outcomes for both mother and baby. Rachael is the Midwife Navigator at Caboolture Hospital — the only role of its kind within Metro North Health.

Since commencing in the position in September 2019, Rachael has supported 1,267 women through pregnancy, connecting them with essential services including mental health, social work, and community organisations.

“This role is about supporting mum and baby to achieve the best possible outcome,” Rachael said.

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

Metro North Staff Expo coming soon!

The CKW 2026 Staff Expos kick off on March 17 and 19.

This is a great chance to speak directly with our benefit providers about salary sacrificing,

METRO NORTH STAFF EXPO 2026

super updates and more.

No registration needed — just drop in between 11am and 2pm.

Vendor information is available on [QHEPS](#).

Join us for a staff BBQ to celebrate the new year

Sponsored by CKW Clinical Council

WELCOME TO 2026
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

CKW STAFF BBQ

Caboolture Hospital Main Courtyard

11AM UNTIL SAUSAGES RUN OUT

VALUES IN ACTION

CKW Pets of the Week

This week's CKW Pets of the Week belongs to Julia Affleck, Research Officer.

Name: Kevin and Fuller

Age: Almost two years old

Both of the boys are rescues from Bundaberg.

They are named after characters from the classic Christmas movie, Home Alone.

- Kev is a brave cow cat obsessed with hunting bugs and geckos in his 'catio'. However, he'll disappear to hide in the closet the minute a stranger knocks. He is very food obsessed and gently nudges us in the face at 6am for breakfast.
- Fully is a chunky social tabby whose life mission is to annoy his big cousin Kev. He loves to sleep in the crook of his human mum's arm. Like a dog, he loves belly pats and drools when he is happy.

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



Quote

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Kind Regards

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



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