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Audience: All staff



Read time: 4+ min



For: Information

Dear Team

On behalf of the COH Executive Leadership Team and staff across the directorate, I want to thank Evon Greener for her enthusiasm, commitment and effort as Chair of the COH Staff Council.

Under her leadership, the council has improved its visibility across the directorate. It has driven or participated in some important wellbeing and cultural events and activities for staff.

These include:

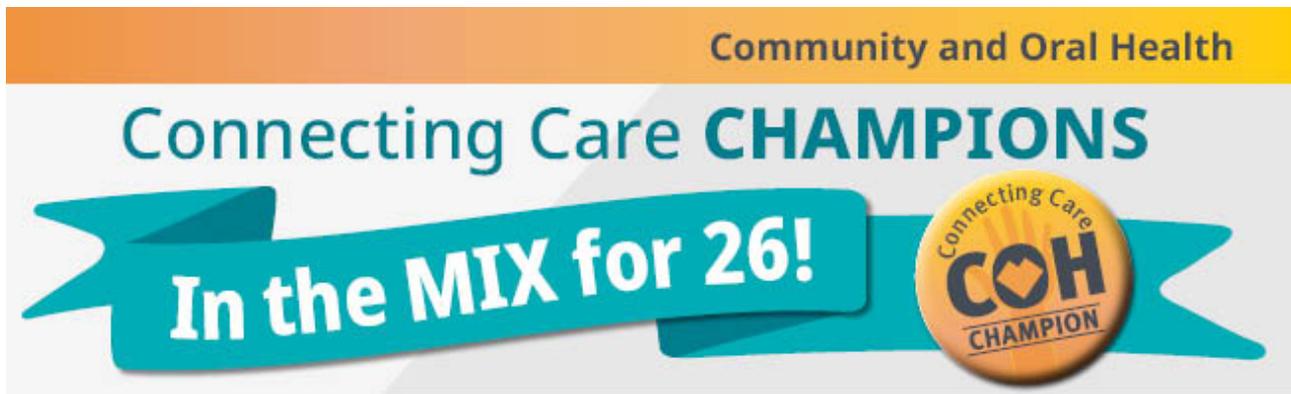
- Hi5 in 2025! – COH Connecting Care Champion awards
- Monthly Staff Orientation
- RUOK Day
- COH Connect Week
- Have Your Say – Staff and service connection
- Week of Happiness
- End-of-year celebration



- COH Christmas Display Competition.

Thank you Evon for your commitment to COH and to staff wellbeing and support.

I would also like to congratulate Monique Scherer who will become the new COH Staff Council Chair in 2026.



Our first Connecting Care Champions to be announced

Early this year we will be visiting eight facilities, the first of which will be the Caboolture Satellite Health Centre which includes our Oral Health clinic and laboratory.

The awards will also include recognition of staff from nearby locations and services.

The visit will be on **Tuesday 24 February at 9.00 am** with a TEAMS meeting available for those who can't attend in person, especially from sites at Bribie Island, Caboolture, Woodford and Kilcoy.

[Click this link to access Microsoft Teams meeting](#)

Metro North priorities

In the Chief Executive message, Nick shared the key 18-month priorities that he believes Metro North Health needs to deliver on to uplift our organisation to be one of the best in Australia.

These priorities can be read [here](#) and are a real opportunity to innovate and unleash the potential of our highly talented workforce.

A large part of our strategic focus is removing barriers that hinder our ability to deliver the best care to our patients. Creating a work environment where staff feel positively supported to make decisions, innovate and take informed action is essential to us becoming more dynamic and forward thinking as a health service.

A common goal across all these priorities is to define best-practice systems, processes and governance structures that enable everyone to deliver safe, high quality, timely and responsible care.

Out of Hospital Care Initiative

A lot of planning work has been happening across our directorate to improve services, optimise activity and meet the increased demand for care to the elderly in the home or community.

Last year, Home Hospital introduced two new services including the Geriatric Evaluation and Management in the Home (GEMITH) and Acute Patient Assessment for Care in the Home Environment (APACHE).

In 2026, thanks to the continued work of our Hospital in the Home (HITH) clinical teams we will be expanding HITH to integrate the existing Metro North Virtual and APACHE models.

The focus on out of hospital care is a very exciting development as it supports the people we serve to receive services at home while continuing to engage with the people and activities that matter most to them.

Thank you everyone involved in the continued planning and management of this exciting new initiative within our existing services.

Parking concerns and safety

There is always a lot of pressures on car parking and our services, and this will continue in the near future. Parking is one of those concerns that gets raised regularly given our focus on patient parking and the increase in cars required for home visiting services.

As you know there is no magical wand to fix this parking challenge, but there are ways you can reduce safety concerns when parking off site or on weekends.

If you are parking onsite after hours or on the weekend I would ask that you consider contacting the facility managers who can potentially arrange secure car parking in a designated or secure parking area.

If you are concerned about safety while parking or have concerns on site I would request that you contact the security team at your facility where available.

Please maintain vigilance and an awareness of your surroundings when coming and going from your facility, especially in the evenings.

How to get help

- Call your security team when you are onsite at your facility.
- Call police if you encounter a threat to personal safety outside of the facility grounds.
- If there is a threat to someone's safety on the facility campus, call security.
- When safe to do so, report security/safety threats into RiskMan.

Off campus parking

- Staff parking in streets around facilities are encouraged to walk to their vehicles together with other staff members.
- When walking to vehicles, avoid wearing headphones or concentrating on mobile phones.
- Do not leave valuables in vehicles or keep them out of sight.

If you return to your vehicle and find damage, report to PoliceLink (131 444).

Final Shout Out - Brighton Patient Kevin

We found out a few things about Brighton Health Campus patient Kevin.

"I used to be pretty good at golf and was a mollydooker, playing off a handicap of four on my best days.

"My father was at war during a lot of my childhood, and mum spent much of her time around horses doing dressage where she would train them on the farm.



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Executive Director

Metro North Health



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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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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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