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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear team,

I am pleased to share the winners of our 2025 annual QuARRIES Awards which were held at RBWH on Wednesday. These Awards honour the outstanding quality and service improvements led by our staff, and recognises those teams who demonstrate innovation, exceptional patient care, and high performances in everyday practice.

Congratulations to all of our winners:

Consumer Focus Award

RBWH Discharge Guide for Surgical Wards
Surgical and Perioperative Services

Fostering Innovation Award

Protocolised Radiology Imaging for Senior Medical Staff (PRISM)
Internal Medicine and Emergency Services

Excellence in Leadership and Performance Award

Respiratory Physiotherapy Outpatient Clinic
Allied Health Professions

Continuous Improvement Award

Empowering Nurses: Reducing Fluid Overload Admissions
Internal Medicine and Emergency Services

Overall Superior Quality Achiever Award

Plastic Cannulas: Evidence, Empathy, Empowerment

Internal Medicine and Emergency Services

I invite you to read about all of the other outstanding [QuARRIES Award nominations here](#). A big thanks to our Safety and Quality Unit for their fantastic efforts in organising such a successful event. Well done everyone!



Consumer Focus



Fostering Innovation



Excellence in Leadership and Performance



Continuous Improvement



Overall Superior Quality Achiever

Severe weather

Throughout this week, we've experienced some severe weather conditions across south-east Queensland, with many staff across Metro North being affected.

Monday's storm resulted in damage to a number of areas within the Brisbane and Moreton Bay regions. I would like to acknowledge our colleagues, including those at Caboolture and Redcliffe who suffered damage to their homes and other personal property. I know that there are some staff who are still waiting for their power to come back on. We recognise that when our personal circumstances are impacted, this can affect our professional commitments, so please talk to your line manager if you need support.

Thank you to everyone for supporting each other during this time and please stay safe.

Disability Action Week information session

In acknowledgement of Disability Action Week (23 to 30 November), RBWH staff are invited to attend an information session next Tuesday 2 December to learn about some important initiatives available to support people living with a disability in the workplace – [Work Assist Program](#) and [Employee Assistance Fund](#).

Tuesday 2 December
10.30am – 11.30am
RBWH Education Centre

Staff interested in attending this session will need to [register here](#). For more information, email: RBWH-AdminServices@health.qld.gov.au

Lipman Oration

The Herston Infectious Diseases Institute hosted its third Lipman Oration on Tuesday 25 November. The Lipman Oration is named in honour of one of RBWH's prominent researchers, Emeritus Professor Jeffrey Lipman, in recognition of his impact in the treatment of infections as well as his role as a research mentor and leader. Each year, the Oration features a presentation from a distinguished clinician-researcher reflecting on their experiences and insights.

This year's Oration was delivered by Professor Sandra Peake, Immediate Past Chair of the ANZICS Clinical Trials Group, Professor at the University of Adelaide's School of Medicine, and Senior Specialist in Intensive Care Medicine at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Professor Peake shared a compelling narrative about her experience of clinical research and leadership, highlighting several key themes around challenges, mentorship, teamwork and diversity, and career passion and balance. This was an inspirational session that reinforced the values of collaboration, mentorship, and innovation that underpin excellence in healthcare.



World Pressure Injury Day

Last week, RBWH teams celebrated World Pressure Injury Day to help raise awareness and promote prevention for pressure injuries. While the prevalence and treatment of pressure injuries has improved significantly over the years, they remain one of the most common hospital-acquired complications, and can have a significant impact on the quality of life of patients and their families.

Thank you to those staff who joined in the celebrations and a special thanks to Essential Helppcare who sponsored mascot, Aunt Pipa, who visited the RBWH clinical areas as part of the celebrations. Congratulations to Ward 9B South team who won the best decorated display board. Staff had a lot of fun while helping create more awareness about an important health issue. Well done everyone!



RBWH Foundation presents Lifetime Fellow Award

Our RBWH Foundation was honoured to present its inaugural Lifetime Fellow Award to YFG Shopping Centres this week, at an event hosted by Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and Lady Mayoress Nina Schrinner.

The Lifetime Award celebrates an extraordinary philanthropic partnership which goes above and beyond financial support. For the past decade, YFG representatives have served in a voluntary capacity on our RBWH Foundation Board, offering corporate guidance and advocacy. Through a connection which

began more than 30 years ago, YFG's support has improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Australians. Highlights include premature baby research, prostate cancer trials and the Coronavirus Action Fund.

A sincere thanks to YFG for helping our RBWH Foundation continue to support the improved health of our community.



New look Pulse Cafe open

The Pulse Café next to RBWH Education Centre has just re-opened after undergoing a transformation *delivered by RBWH BEMS Project Team* and our talented BEMS tradespeople. The Café's new modern look will now make having a coffee an even more enjoyable experience for staff. The Café has also added some extra choices to its menu, so please pop down there and try them out. If you're looking to revamp your RBWH breakout spaces or transform your clinical areas, our BEMS on site Project and Design team is ready to bring your vision to life.



Some members of the RBWH BEMS Project team

Thank you all for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

Louise Oriti

Executive Director,
Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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