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Dear team

I am proud to share that one of our RBWH colleagues has been awarded a Public Service Medal in the recent Australia Day Honours. Dr Jason Brown PSM was recognised for outstanding public service to improving clinical outcomes for burns patients and transforming digital health in Queensland. Keep reading to learn more about Jason and his career in today's staff profile.

I'd also like to congratulate former RBWH Maxillofacial Surgeon, Associate Professor Anthony Lynham AO and former RBWH Foundation Board Chair Leona Murphy, AO, who were recognised for outstanding contributions in their fields.

Hyperbaric medicine celebrates a milestone

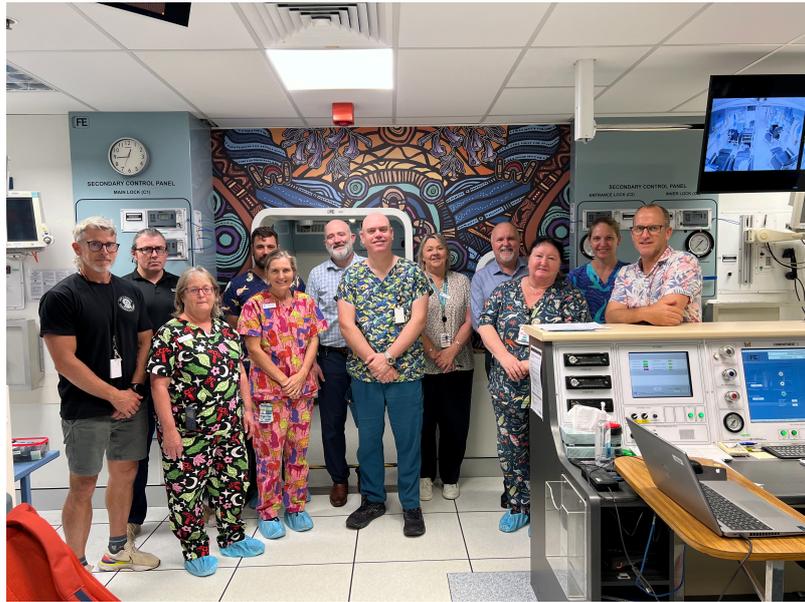
I'm always pleased to highlight some of the lesser-known services at RBWH. One of these is the Hyperbaric Medicine Service (HMS) team, who recently performed their 50,000th treatment.

While perhaps best known for treating divers with decompression sickness (the bends), a more typical day in HMS sees patients taking a 'dive' in the chamber to help heal wounds or treat soft tissue injuries.

If you've ever wondered what the experience in the chamber is like, patient

Gordon summed it up recently as, “A little like a wine buzz, without the ill effects.”

Congratulations to the HMS team on this impressive milestone, and thank you for the high-quality care you provide to our patients.



Allied Health Research Symposium

It's only a few weeks until the 2026 Metro North and Metro South Allied Health Research Symposium. Taking place at the RBWH Education Centre on Tuesday 17 February, the event will highlight innovation, research, and excellence in Allied Health, bringing together clinicians and researchers from across the state. To learn more and register, click [here](#).

Staff profile - Dr Jason Brown

As Director of the RBWH Burns Service and Metro North's Chief Digital Health Officer, it's safe to say Jason is kept busy.

This year marks an impressive 30 years with Queensland Health, and Jason is a proud career public servant.

“I'm really grateful for the opportunities I've had at Queensland Health,” Jason said. “I've worked as a dentist, in rural medicine, and as a burns surgeon.”



“I've also had the chance to work in 26 different facilities across Queensland during my career. Giving back to communities is something I find incredibly rewarding.”

Alongside his clinical work, Jason has been Metro North's Chief Digital Health Officer since 2019.

“Digital transformation is inevitable and vital to our future, especially with ieMR coming to RBWH later this year, and the disruption from artificial intelligence,” he

said.

“AI is something many industries — including healthcare — are learning to adapt to. With workforce shortages across the sector, it’s becoming increasingly important to look at how AI and digital systems can support staff, so they can focus on more complex and higher-value work.”

Congratulations, Jason, on your recent Honour. We’re grateful to have your experience, leadership and passion as part of the RBWH and Metro North teams.

Upcoming Peer Responder training

Metro North's Peer Responder Program plays an important role in our suite of staff wellbeing tools. If you have a genuine interest in supporting your colleagues' wellbeing, now is a great time to consider becoming a Peer Responder. Training will be held on Monday, 9 February, in the Education Centre and will provide all the information you need to succeed in the role. You can learn more and start your EOI to apply [here](#).

Recognising great work at RBWH

Finally, for today, we will soon be launching an RBWH recognition initiative to celebrate the fantastic work happening across our hospital. More information will be available soon. In the meantime, if you'd like to give a colleague who has gone above and beyond a shoutout, click [here](#).

Thank you for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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