



Metro North Health

Message from the

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**Audience:** All staff



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**For:** Information

Dear colleagues,

Last Friday I attended the Metro North Staff Excellence Awards which is always a wonderful night of celebration and fun. It is so rewarding to hear about the amazing work that people are doing across Metro North, both in clinical and non-clinical area.

I was very proud to see so many nominees from STARS across the award categories. A big congratulations to Peter Hancock, winner of Emerging Leader Award, and Team 6A who were highly commended in the People Focus category.

Congratulations also to all our STARS nominees this year.



If you haven't been to a Metro North Staff Excellence Award night before, do consider attending next year. STARS is always well represented at the awards but we would love to see

even more of you in 2026 cheering on our nominees.

More photos from the event are on the Metro North Health Staff Community Facebook page. If you are not already a member you can [join here](#) (please answer all the membership questions).

### Christmas Staff breakfast

A reminder about the Christmas Staff Breakfast being held next Wednesday 10 December from 6.30am-8.30am, Level 3. Come down and grab an English muffin or croissant, with gluten/vegan options available. The breakfast is a thank you to staff for all their hard work throughout the year and we would love it if you could join us. The event is sponsored by QSuper.

### Key awareness days

Volunteers make a massive contribution across hospitals and we're very grateful for the many volunteers who support us at STARS. Today is International Volunteers Day, recognising the enormous value of volunteers across the world.

Wednesday was International Day of People with Disabilities, particularly relevant to STARS as one of the largest rehabilitation services in the Southern Hemisphere. We also acknowledge staff and volunteers with disabilities. Metro North recently launched MN ENABLE, one of several inclusive networks aligned with Metro North Health's vision for a diverse and psychologically safe workplace, where all employees are valued, respected, and empowered to thrive and be their best selves in the professional workplace setting. For more information, contact [MN-ENABLE@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:MN-ENABLE@health.qld.gov.au).

### Staff Shout Out

Also, congratulations to the Post Operative Discharge Support Service (PODSS) team for receiving a highly commended in the Clinical Excellence and Patient Safety category at this year's Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) Quality Improvement Awards for their project *Revolutionising Post Operative Care with PODSS*. Well done to the team.

### End of year to-do list

As we get closer to the end of the year, there's some important housekeeping we all need to do to make sure we start 2026 on the right foot. Here are a few items that should be on everyone's end of year to-do list:

- Log into TMS and attend to any mandatory training that is overdue or will expire over the December/January period - especially if you're taking leave.
- Along with your mandatory training - if your PDP isn't up to date, talk to your line manager to have that completed before 2026 starts.
- Check the expiration date on your ID and access card. If your card expires in December or January you'll need to submit an approved [card request form](#).

- If your fit testing certification has run out - or will soon – you can [book in here](#) for dates and times in December.
- And, for those taking more than two weeks' leave - you may be able to have your car parking payments on hold while you're away.

Kind Regards,

**Geoff Grima**  
Acting Executive Director

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