

STARS Staff Update

Metro North Health

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Hello STARS!

The Christmas Decorating Contest has been judged and we have a winner!

The themes for this year's competition were 'Winter Wonderland' and 'Green Christmas' and the judges saw many wonderful displays featuring snowflakes, snowmen, gingerbread houses, toasty fireplaces, skiers and the Grinch. Entries were judged on theme, creativity, overall appearance and sustainability.

This year's winner is Outpatients with their amazing winter wonderland theme that was almost completely made from recycled materials.



Their display featured recycled fabric decorations from 'blueys', a gingerbread house made entirely from eye drop packaging and a paper mache slit lamp that resembled gingerbread.

Outpatients winning prizes include a beautiful hamper from Mumbleberry, kindly donated by the RBWH Foundation and the very coveted trophy, designed and made by Rehabilitation Engineering. Best of all, Outpatients get to pick next year's theme and get a jump on the competition.



Highly Commended this year goes to 5B and HIMS for their winter wonderland displays.



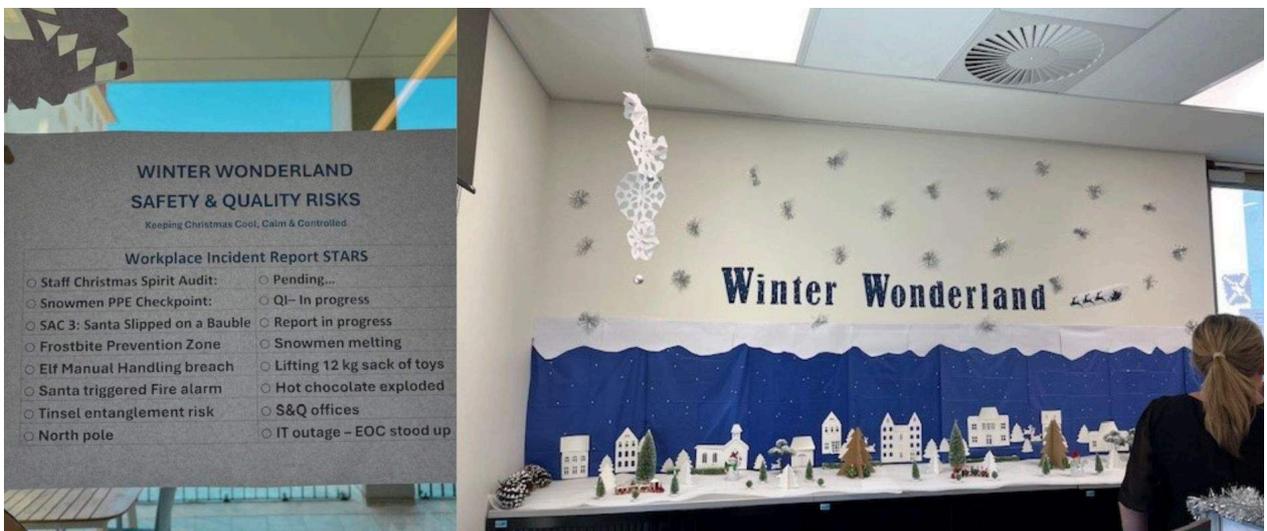
5B's display featured a wonderfully decorated Lamson tube, a tinsel tree with all staff member names and a beautifully decorated reception desk.



HIMS featured a lovely snowy mountain backdrop made from recycled materials, a fun photo wall featuring all the team and staff stockings.



The Safety and Quality team get a special mention for incorporating S&Q into the display, with their winter wonderland risks and RECOVER had a snowy landscape, recycled cardboard trees and an impressive advent calendar.



The Finance team continued their year-round theming with cheery Santas, lights and bows and the ESO elves had a pretty winter wonderland display.



STARS Education Research Alliance (SERA) get a shout out for their après ski themed display complete with skiing Santa.



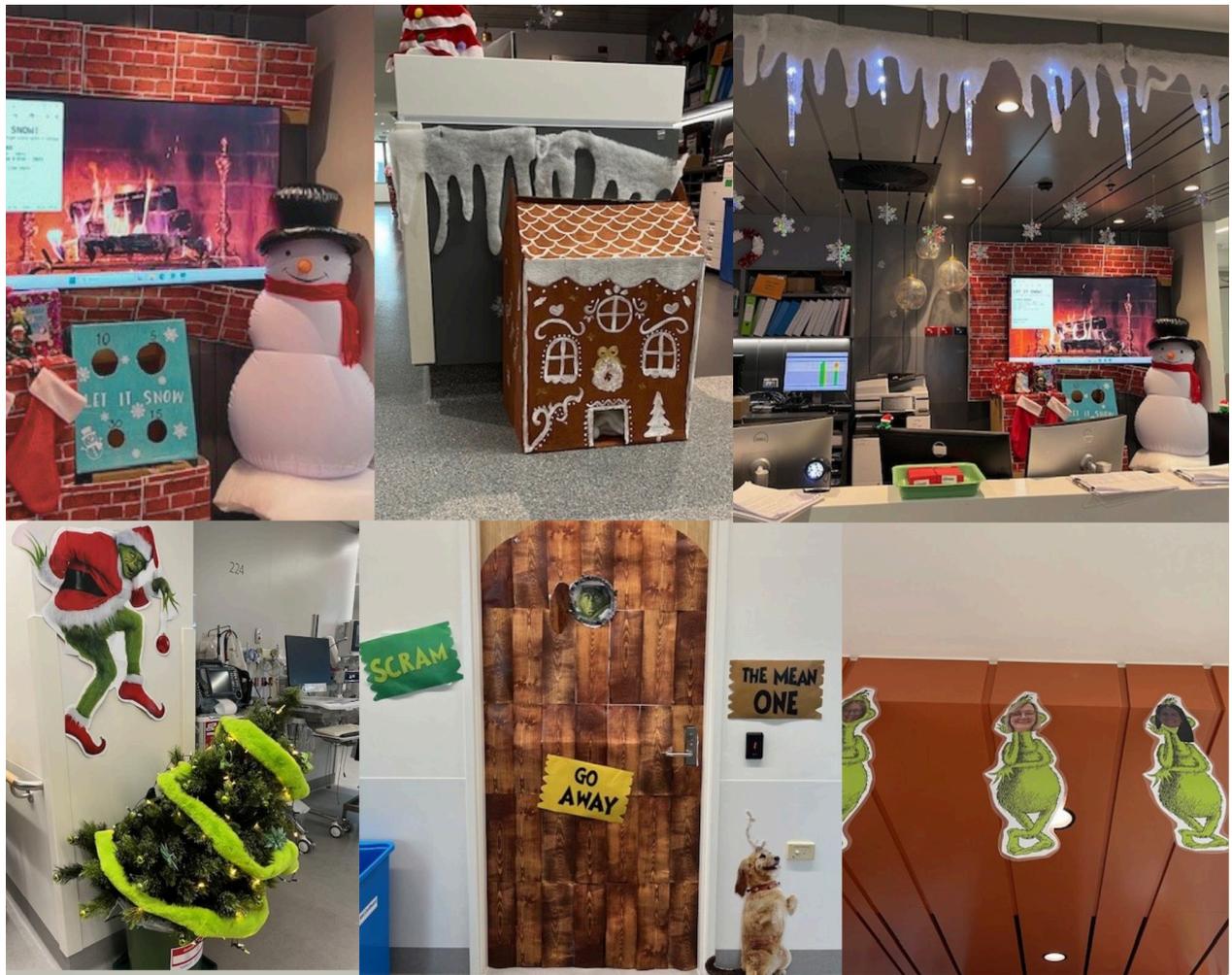
The Pre-Admissions clinic on Level 6 went with a fun inflatable.



4A's entry included a roaring fireplace, a Christmas tree decorated with recycled cups and a winter landscape. 4B had letters to Santa and a snowman made from gym balls.



Level 2 entries were a whole lot of fun, with Theatres Hub incorporating game elements and PACU 1 taking on the Grinch as the green Christmas theme.



The judges also loved Pharmacy's hot cocoa station and fireplace and main reception's very tasteful green themed display.



Thank you to everyone for their decorating efforts, both registered entries and those who got into the spirit and decorated their areas. It is wonderful to see, and it makes such a difference to colleagues, patients and their families.