

Metro North Health

Message from the

# Executive Director The Prince Charles Hospital

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## Summary:

- SET Forum wrap-up
- Executive Update
- Have you seen the sunflowers?
- Orthopaedics awards
- Celebrating Lorraine Adams

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read Time: 5 Minutes



For: Information

Dear Team,

This week has been a short week for me as I had the opportunity to take a couple of days leave. The hospital has been busy this week as we continue to provide great care to our patients and community.

Thank you to those staff who were able to take some time to join yesterday's staff forum hosted by Chief Executive Nick Steele who came out in person to engage with our team.



Nick shared his priorities and areas of focus for the next 18 months, which will include significant work in out of hospital care, outpatients and gastroenterology.

Nick is very keen to engage with frontline clinicians in all areas of development work and change across the health service and is very focused on making Metro North a world leading service which attracts and retains the best clinicians.

During the staff forum, Nick was complementary of TPCH's performance and is keen to continue working with us to ensure we can all be well supported to deliver the best care for our patients.

I thank Nick for his time and enthusiasm in listening to staff about how we can improve Metro North.

## Executive Update

Gareth Davies has started as Acting Director Operations EPIC while Geoff Grima is Acting Deputy Executive Director of the CKW Clinical Directorate to the end of June 2026. Gareth previously covered the Director of Operations Surgery and Critical Care role.



### Have you seen the sunflowers at TPCH?

Have you seen the sunflowers planted on the TPCH campus by Rawn Mitchell and the Grounds Maintenance team?

Their bright yellow colour is known to evoke joy, warmth and optimism. It is also used as a symbol for hidden disabilities.

Rawn said he was happy that this planting had gathered so much interest and brought joy to people.

While some of the plantings are coming to the end of their life, Rawn is hopeful to get one more flush before winter annual planting.

"I would like to thank all those staff and patients that have shown their appreciation of the display," Rawn said.

"We are on the right track now and look forward to continuing more flower displays like this in the future.

"So, if the beds are bare, please have patience as we will be preparing for the next planting."





positive feedback from across the multidisciplinary team.

Dr Simon Perkins (above left) was voted Consultant of the Year for 2025. This is the fourth year in a row that he has won this award! PHO of the Year was awarded to Dr Sufian Odeh (right).

### Submit abstracts for Clinical Excellence Queensland Showcase

TPCH has many projects, programs and innovations that are changing the game and helping shape the future of health care.

Let's celebrate that success by submitting [abstracts](#) to the Clinical Excellence Queensland Showcase.

Applications will close at 5pm Tuesday 24 February. A short pitch video (no longer than three minutes) explaining the work is required as part of the submission.

The Showcase will be held on 17-18 June at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre at South Bank.

### Lorraine is popular on Metro North social media

TPCH Safety and Quality CNC Clinical Incidents and Risk, Lorraine Adams, reflected on 40 years in healthcare on the [Metro North Facebook](#) page recently. It's a great story with a lot of positive comments that show her valuable contribution to patients and staff across TPCH.



The year was 1985 - the TV series 'Neighbours' had just launched, Simple Minds' 'Don't You Forget About Me' was sweeping the charts, and nurse Lorraine had just moved into the nursing quarters at RBWH to start her career.

That was 40 years ago now, having shaped many positive changes in that time including in clinical roles and safety and quality.

Lorraine spent 36 of those 40 years at TPCH, largely focussed on patient improvements.

"Having a 'bird's-eye view' of patient care across the organisation allows us to transform information into meaningful action, ensuring lessons are learned and improvements are made to support safer care for every patient," Lorraine said.

"Reflecting on the past 40 years, I feel incredibly privileged to have been part of so many patients' journeys and to have worked alongside such dedicated healthcare professionals."

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Thank you for your 40 years of service Lorraine! See less

Wow! Congrats Lorraine on 40 years and the work you do every day!

One amazingly helpful and supportive colleague.

Congratulations Lorraine, thank you for being my role model, my first NUM and showing me how things should be done.

Congratulations. I see from the comments all the respect and high esteem your fellow staff hold you in. Well done.

So good Lorraine! You are a big inspiration to me.

Well done. A privilege to work with you.

### Finally,

To ensure a safe environment for everyone, a reminder that charging of electric scooters and bikes is not permitted within any Metro North buildings or offices.

These vehicles should be stored in dedicated bike racks or end-of-trip storage facilities and only charged at home or a designated outdoor area.

Kind regards,

**Tami Photinos**  
Executive Director  
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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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