

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

- Executive update
- Future Metro North
- New staff recruitments
- New combined post-operative discharge service at Caboolture Hospital
- World Delirium Awareness Day
- CKW Pet of the Week

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Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

On Thursday, we were privileged to welcome Metro North Senior Executive Team (SET) members to Caboolture Hospital for a special staff forum. Lead by Chief Executive Nick Steele, the forum discussed the Metro North's 18-month priorities, which included principles, delivery of a sustainability plan, strategic transformation, health equity and more. Thanks to the staff who packed out the auditorium and were very engaged with SET.

Earlier in the week, we kicked off 2026 with a Staff BBQ thanks to the CKW Clinical Council. As always, thank you to Parker and Kirby for their hard work in setting these fun events up for our staff. Also, thanks to the staff who volunteered to help with cooking and serving.



Future Metro North

All CKW staff are invited to have their say in shaping the future direction of Metro North Health. The **Future Metro North – Reimagining Healthcare 2026–2041** roadmap is Metro North’s future-focussed strategy. It sets the organisation’s significant 15-year transformation, guiding how Metro North delivers care through to 2041 in line with our growing population and evolving service needs.



This week, Metro North Chief Executive Nick Steele launched the consultation phase for the roadmap, encouraging staff from across the health service to provide feedback, to ensure it reflects real-world needs and frontline experience.

Staff can view and provide feedback on the Future Metro North roadmap at CKW's upcoming Staff Expo on Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 March. Staff can also contribute via the [Future Metro North QHEPS page](#).

Your participation and support are vital as we work together to shape our future as one Metro North.

March What's On

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WHAT'S ON

- ★ ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH
- ★ MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY - RED BOW MONTH
- ★ MELANOMA MONTH
- ★ CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - SUN 1 MAR
- ★ WORLD HEARING DAY - TUES 3 MAR
- ★ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - SUN 8 MAR
- ★ AUSTRALIAN HEALTH CARE WEEK - WED 11 MAR
- ★ WORLD KIDNEY DAY - THUR 12 MAR 26
- ★ NATIONAL CLOSING THE GAP DAY - FRI 20 MAR
- ★ HARMONY DAY - SAT 21 MAR
- ★ EARTH HOUR - SAT 28 MAR
- ★ DOCTOR'S DAY - MON 30 MAR
- ★ TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY - TUE 31 MAR

CKW EVENTS

- STAFF BBQ - WED 4 MARCH
- MN SET STAFF FORUM - THURS 5 MARCH
- MARCH STAFF FORUM - WED 18 MARCH
- MN STAFF EXPO - TUES 17 & THURS 19



New staff recruitments

Tina White - Midwifery Unit Manager

Please join us in welcoming Tina White, our new permanent Midwifery Unit Manager.

Tina joins us from Mater Mothers' Brisbane and originally qualified as a midwife in the UK in 2002. Tina did further study to become an Endorsed Registered Midwife, meaning in previous roles, she had additional qualifications that allow her to prescribe medications and request imaging within her scope of practice. Tina has also previously worked as a private midwife, supporting women and families through this special time in their lives.

Currently studying a Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership in Health and Human Services at UTAS, Tina is passionate about supporting the team and continuing to grow midwifery scope of practice and capability.

We're delighted to have Tina on board and look forward to the experience and leadership she brings to the service.

Larni Powell - Patient Experience Manager

Please join us in welcoming Larni to the Clinical Governance team.

Larni is an Occupational Therapist with seven years' experience, primarily in hand therapy and acute ward settings. She began her career at Caboolture Hospital as an Allied Health Assistant before becoming a New Graduate OT. Since then, she has worked across Metro South and most recently spent two years in London with the NHS, working in hand therapy at one of the city's major trauma hospitals.

After returning to Brisbane in December, Larni has been supporting OT students and new graduates in a Clinical Education Support Officer role. In her new PEM role, Larni is passionate about amplifying the patient voice and bringing a holistic, person-centred Occupational Therapy lens to improve care across CKW.



We're delighted to have her on the team. Please join us in giving Larni a warm welcome!

Medical Discharge Support Service and Post-Operative Discharge Support Service

I am pleased to advise that Clinical Excellence Queensland and Metro North have approved the establishment and implementation of a combined Medical Discharge Support Service (MeDSS) and Post-Operative Discharge Support Service (PODSS) model at Caboolture Hospital.

This funding will enable the temporary engagement of a Clinical Nurse Consultant who will act as the project officer responsible for service establishment, stakeholder engagement, REDCap/data development and operationalisation of the new combined model.

This role will be an amazing asset for our staff and patients at Caboolture Hospital.



World Delirium Awareness Day

Wednesday 11 March marks World Delirium Awareness Day, with this year's theme, "Voices of Delirium." Listening to the stories of our patients and families is key to improving care through the prevention, early recognition and management of delirium.

One way we support this is through the Sunflower Tool, which captures a patient's values, preferences and personal story. Displayed above the bed, it helps bridge communication between clinicians, patients and families, encourages meaningful conversations, and promotes person-centred care.

Delirium is a complex and often misunderstood condition, characterised by acute changes in attention,

awareness and cognition. Raising awareness requires both clinical knowledge and an understanding of the human impact behind the diagnosis.

To show support, CKW teams are encouraged to wear yellow and decorate clinical areas in yellow on the day.

For more information on delirium prevention, assessment and management, including the Sunflower Tool, please contact your area's Standard 5 portfolio holder, Eat Walk Engage team member, or Delirium and Dementia Nurse Navigator. Resources and patient stories are also available on the World Delirium Awareness Day [website](#).



CKW Pets of the Week

This week's CKW Pets of the Week belongs to the son of Irene Beikoff from People and Culture.

Name: Beardie

Breed: Bearded Dragon

About me:

I never thought our family would have a bearded dragon as a pet. My eldest son is a lover of all kinds of animals really wanted to own one. Thankfully, the pet store ensures you know how to look after them and that you are committed to caring for one, before they will sell one to you. You also need a licence to have one.

'Beardie' joined our family a few years ago – excuse the uninspiring name as we did not know it's gender when we got it. He is a very chill pet. The boys walk around with him on their shoulder, occasionally pat his head or just watch him in his heated enclosure. Bearded dragons are not for everyone, but we've grown to love Beardie and wonder if our son will take him when he leaves home otherwise, he will become our pet!

We need more pets! To have your pet featured, please send a photo and the above details [here](#).

Quote of the day

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kind Regards

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Metro North Health   



We uphold our commitment to health equity through our Values in Action
Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



Metro North Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which we live, work and walk, and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

Metro North Health's vision

Creating healthier futures together—where innovation and research meets compassionate care and community voices shape our services.



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