

Metro North Health

Message from the

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## Summary:

- Executive update
- National Close the Gap Day
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- Nurses provide life-saving training in Cambodia
- Happy Social Work Day
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



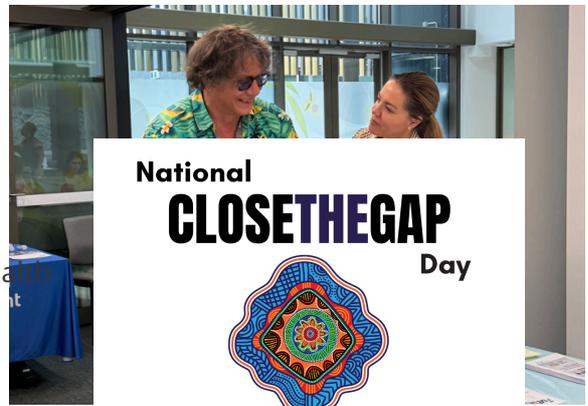
**For:** Information

Dear CKW team,

This week, CKW received a mention in the Health Minister's email acknowledging all Queensland Health staff and teams who were recognised in this year's Premier's Delivering for Queensland Awards, and the significant growth of the Post-Operative Discharge Support Service (PODSS) in Queensland. Excitingly, Caboolture Hospital will be the first site in Queensland to deliver both PODSS and the Medical Discharge Support Service. Congratulations to all staff involved in setting these services up.

Thank you to all suppliers, providers, and staff who attended the Metro North Staff Expo at Caboolture Hospital on Tuesday and Thursday. It was a great opportunity for staff to ask questions and find out information from staff benefit suppliers and providers.

Staff also had the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about *The Future Metro North Health: Reimagining Healthcare 2026-2041 strategy*.



**National**  
**CLOSETHEGAP**  
Day



Community Voices: The Pathway to  
Justice, Equality and Healing

**19 March 2026**

While progress has been made, significant disparities remain.

Our [Health Equity Strategy 2025–2028](#) reinforces our commitment to addressing these inequities through sustained system change, aligned with the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

We thank Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, community members and staff for their leadership and guidance, and recognise that closing the gap requires a collective effort across all levels of our service.

Metro North Chief Executive Nick Steele and Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Adj Prof Sherry Holzapfel addressed National Close the Gap Day, which you can read more about [here](#).



### Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Metro North Health is proud to support this important opportunity to deepen our understanding, strengthen our practice, and celebrate the strengths and contributions of neurodivergent people within our workforce and

the communities we serve.

To mark the week, Metro North is pleased to share a program of events including learning opportunities, conversations with experts, practical skill-building sessions, and spaces to explore how we can create more inclusive, accessible, and person-centred care environments.

To view the full program or learn more about how to get involved, [click here](#).

### CKW nurses provide life-saving training in Cambodia

Registered Nurse and Midwife Hilary Collins and Clinical Nurse Kristie Campbell from Caboolture Hospital's Emergency Department recently volunteered their time in Siem Reap, Cambodia, supporting students and teachers at the Stepping Stones School. With a combined career spanning nearly three decades at Metro North, their involvement was made possible through a connection with a Redcliffe Hospital staff member.

Self-funded and driven by a passion to give back, Hilary and Kristie spent two weeks in Cambodia, including donating first aid supplies and delivering CPR and first aid training to students and teachers at the school. Their impact will continue, with plans already in place to return next year to provide refresher training and extend their support to the local village community.



### Happy Social Work Day

World Social Work Day was celebrated on Tuesday 17 March, providing an opportunity to recognise the vital contribution of social workers to quality care and their integral role within multidisciplinary teams in improving patient outcomes.

The 2026 theme, “Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society,” draws on the African philosophy of Harambee, meaning “pulling together.” It highlights the importance of unity, trust, and collective resilience, and underscores the role of social work in addressing inequality and fostering inclusive, sustainable communities.

The social work team marked the occasion with an afternoon tea, including a group social work-themed word activity with prizes, and random acts of kindness.



### 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
- ★ WORLD DELIRIUM AWARENESS DAY - WED 11 MAR
- ★ WORLD KIDNEY DAY - THUR 12 MAR 26
- ★ NATIONAL CLOSING THE GAP DAY - THUR 19 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 - TUES 31 MARCH
- MN STAFF EXPO - TUES 17 & THURS 19

### National Doctors' Day trivia

To celebrate National Doctors' Day, which falls on 30 March, the Medical Education Unit will be hosting a Trivia Event during Grand Rounds. This is a great opportunity to take a break, connect with colleagues, and enjoy some friendly competition.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday 26 March 2026

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Location: Education and Skills Centre

We encourage you to get a team together (maximum of six people per team) and join in the fun. Everyone is welcome.

### CKW Pets of the Week

This week's CKW Pets of the Week belongs to Alison Craswell who is a visiting Nursing Research Fellow at Caboolture Hospital.

**Name:** Tiger

**Age:** Two years

**Breed:** Toy Cavoodle

**About Tiger:**

Tiger enjoys long walks on the dog beach, fetching sticks or coaxing other dogs to chase him.



Does not enjoy being caught and rolled by other dogs in said beach chase.

His main anxiety in life is not quite being able to reach the kitchen counter on his tippy-paws

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

### Quote of the day

"Not every day is good but there is something good in every day."

Alice Morse Earl

Kind Regards

**Dr Ted Chamberlain**

Acting Executive Director,  
Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

**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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