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Audience: All staff



Read time: 5+ min



For: Information

Dear Team

Each year, I am always excited to hear about the wonderful innovations being delivered across the directorate to improve the care we provide to our patients.

Please find following the [Program for the annual 2026 COH Innovation Showcase](#) which is now available!

I understand that in-person registrations are almost full, but there is plenty of capacity for online attendance via MS Teams, so please [register early](#) to secure your preferred option.

This year's Showcase features contributions from across COH, with the administration stream joining the program for the first time.

The program highlights a diverse range of research, innovation and quality improvement activities, reflecting the breadth of work being undertaken across our services.

The event is open to all COH staff.

2026 INNOVATION SHOWCASE

COMMUNITY AND ORAL HEALTH
INNOVATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE

MARCH 18, 2026
1PM - 4.30PM

BRIGHTON
WELLNESS HUB &
ONLINE VIA
TEAMS

SHOWCASE HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE...

- A DYNAMIC PANEL DISCUSSION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN COH, LED BY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS
- ORAL PRESENTATIONS SHOWCASING EXCELLENT RESEARCH AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES UNDERWAY ACROSS COH
- OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE AND NETWORK WITH CLINICIANS AND TEAMS DRIVING INNOVATION IN EVERYDAY PRACTICE

REGISTER TO ATTEND NOW VIA THE QR CODE!

RESOURCES RESEARCH PROMOTION CARE

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2026

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 pm (Check-in from 12:45 pm)

Venue: Brighton Wellness Hub

Format: In person (Limited Places or online via MS Teams)

Registrations are essential. [Register](#) and select your attendance preference (in person or online).

Creating positive networks in the community

A big shout out to Andrea Rapolthy-Beck from the Brain Injury Community Integration Service who recently finished her PHD.

The focus of her studies was on the introduction of Occupational Therapy (OT) in ICU to create better outcomes in the community.



The feasibility study showed that OT intervention was beneficial to functional improvement and cognition at three months. With the trials [Qualitative Results](#) just accepted for publication in the British Journal of Occupational Therapy.

A new video had been released for the service which is committed to supporting individuals and their families after a brain injury, helping them to create sustainable networks in the community.

[To view the new BICS video click here ...](#)

Thanking our dental assistants

During Dental Assistants Recognition Week, we take a moment to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution our Dental Assistants make to Metro North Oral Health Services every single day.

In our facilities, the work is often complex, fast-paced and deeply community-focused. You are the steady presence in our clinics, preparing surgeries, anticipating clinical needs, maintaining infection control standards and ensuring that each patient, often anxious or vulnerable, feels safe and cared for.

You support children through their first dental experience, reassure families navigating treatment and assist clinicians in delivering care to those who may otherwise go without.



Thank you for the vital role you play in strengthening our communities' oral health. Your contribution matters and it is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for the care you provide, the standards you uphold, and the reliability that keeps

our clinics functioning. Your work is valued, and this week is an opportunity to recognise the important part you play in delivering quality oral health services.

We appreciate your efforts not only today, but every day that you are in the team!

Nominate Today - In the Mix for 26! @ Redcliffe

During 2026, we will be visiting eight facilities and opening up the awards to include nearby locations and services.

Our second visit will be Tuesday 17 March at Redcliffe, so award nominations will be open for the following sites:

- Coinda House
- Redcliffe Community Health Centre
- Redcliffe Dental Clinic
- Children's Oral Health at Kippa Ring, Margate and Humpybong.

Please take the time to nominate a person from one of these sites for the COH Connecting Care Champion award by emailing COH-Communications@health.qld.gov.au

We are looking for those champions who are the quiet achievers, the staff who connect and enhance the team and care provided, and who go above and beyond to support our residents, patients and families.

Nominations close Wednesday 11 March.



Future Metro North

All COH 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 the upcoming Staff Expo tomorrow in the Brighton Health Campus Auditorium between 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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

Compliment - Podiatry at Chermside

"I am writing to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the exceptional care and support you have provided me over the past 12 months. Thanks to Teena and Meg's expertise, dedication and compassionate approach, I have been able to return to driving — a major milestone that has restored a significant sense of normality and independence in my life.

"As a professional musician, this has essentially given me my life back, and I cannot thank you enough for making that possible. Throughout my treatment, I received outstanding expert wound care.

"You consistently offered practical advice on protecting the wound at every stage of healing and you showed genuine interest in my health management — something that made a real difference.

"Beyond the clinical excellence, what has stood out most is your warm, down-to-earth rapport. You both made every appointment feel supportive and reassuring, treating me not just as a patient but as a person navigating challenging circumstances.

"Please know how profoundly your care has impacted my health, mobility and overall wellbeing. I am truly thankful for everything you have done and will always hold you in the highest regard."

Final Shout Out - New dental Clinic at TPCH

Did you know that ensuring good oral health is an important consideration for cardiac patients prior to heart valve surgery?

Eliminating sources of infection in the mouth reduces the risk of a patient facing complications or contracting a life-threatening infection such as infective endocarditis following heart surgery.



Metro North Health is focusing on improving integration across the system, delivering the right care, in the right place, at the right time for patients, leading to improved health outcomes.

[Read more ...](#)

Glynis Schultz
Executive Director

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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