



# COH INNOVATION SHOWCASE 2026

*Creating the future through evidence, research, innovation and care.*

## Celebrating our innovation and research success!

The 2026 COH Innovation and Research Showcase opened this year with Professor Belinda Lange as keynote speaker presenting: *Innovation with purpose: Keeping clinicians in the driver's seat of AI in healthcare.*

Professor Lange is the newly appointed Professor in Health AI at Queensland University of Technology and was able to share her experience in using virtual reality, interactive technologies and applied AI methodologies to enhance patient care.

Her approach of making the technology fit the needs of the patient and not the other way round resonated with those in attendance.

This presentation set the scene for a highly interactive panel discussion led by Kate Schultz, COH Director of Allied Health on the topic: *Putting clinicians at the centre of AI innovation to elevate practice and enhance patient care in COH.*

It is clear clinicians within COH are always seeking opportunities to best use AI in their clinical practice.

Fifteen diverse innovation and research projects from COH clinical and administrative staff were presented. For some this was their first time presenting their work. All presenters demonstrated a passion for improving care delivery and systems.

Geraldine Donoghue presented the Best Oral Presentation. Her topic was *Evaluating the impact of using evidence-based Plantar Pressure Mapping on Podiatry Service efficiency and patient experience.*

This presentation was even more interesting as Geraldine is a Senior Social Worker who had seen the benefits of the use of new podiatry techniques to improving patient experience and outcomes.

The Best Rapid Fire Presentation was presented by Andrea Rapolthy-Beck who spoke of the work that is being undertaken in the Brain Injury Community Service and the great patient outcomes being achieved as they progress in the community setting away from the hospital.

For the first time an Administration Team presented on their work improving recruitment activities within COH that has resulted in increased candidate and line manager support and improved efficiencies.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the 2026 COH Innovation and Research Showcase such a wonderful success!

## Oral Presentation Winners

### Highly Commended:

- **Hannah Findsen:** *Can Telehealth group exercise classes be implemented in the Metro North CTCP?*

### Winner:



- **Geraldine Donoghue:** *Evaluating the impact using evidence-based Plantar Pressure Mapping on Podiatry Service efficiency and patient experience.*

## Rapid Fire Presentation Winners

### Highly Commended:

- **Sarah Dillon:** *Improving Monitoring and Escalation of Elastomeric Infusors in HITH.*

### Winner:

- **Andrea Rapolthy-Beck:** *Strengthening Recovery: A Community-Driven Model for Sustainable Support in Acquired Brain Injury.*



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 Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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### 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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