



### Summary:

- Planning for new mental health unit
- Our ieMR training starts today
- New grant applications
- Farewell, Sharon
- Staff Expo coming soon
- Community interest in our work

Message feedback



**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



**For:** Information

Dear team,

As community demand for our services continues to grow, we are always exploring ways to better utilise our existing infrastructure. As part of this effort, we are working with Metro North Mental Health to plan a new Mental Health Stabilisation Unit, with expected completion in mid-2027. The unit will be located on the lower ground floor of the James Mayne Building and will provide mental health care for up to nine patients in the assessment area, with an additional eight beds in short-stay, depending on clinical needs. Once the new unit opens, the current Psychiatric Emergency Centre will undergo renovations to become 'The Hub'— a dedicated space for patients exhibiting behaviours of concern who require monitoring or treatment. These plans are a big step forward for mental health services at RBWH, enabling us to care for more people. I will keep you posted as planning and fit-out progress.

### Online ieMR training starts today!

Our integrated electronic Medical Record (ieMR) training journey starts today, with online pre-requisite training now available in TMS for the following staff:

- Nurses (except AINs and USINs)
- Midwives
- Pharmacists
- Administration – Emergency and Trauma Centre (ETC)
- Administration – Surgical Bookings

This training is assigned on your behalf (meaning you won't need to enrol yourself in TMS) and will take approximately 1 hour to complete. It must be completed before attending instructor-led classroom training starting in May 2026. You can click the image below to get started.

Please ensure you complete any assigned ieMR training as required to ensure we are ready for go-live on 13 October.



### New grant applications open

I am pleased to announce two new grants that are now available for applications.

The RBWH Quality Improvement Grants are designed to support frontline staff and teams undertaking structured quality improvement initiatives that provide measurable enhancements in patient safety and high-quality outcomes that elevate the patient experience at RBWH. You can learn more about this grant and apply [here](#).



Our RBWH Foundation has also launched a new grant to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander innovators and researchers. RBWH Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Roslyn Boland, co-designed the new grant and is looking forward to seeing innovative ideas brought to life to help Close the Gap.

"With our staff having a grassroots understanding of the needs of patients and community, these grants will ensure quality and timely research to improve health outcomes."

More information about the grant and how to apply is available [here](#).

*ABOVE: Roslyn Boland recently joined RBWH Foundation CEO, Simone Garske and Metro North Chief Executive, Nick Steele, to launch the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander grant.*

## Thank you, Sharon

Last week, we bid farewell to Operating Theatre NUM, Sharon Sawden (pictured), after almost 40 years at our hospital. Sharon started at the Royal Women's in 1987 and has been positively impacting the lives of women in our community since. She has dedicated herself to her patients, her team, and the Women's and Newborn, Surgical and Perioperative services, leading with compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment. Sharon is looking forward to devoting more time to her family, particularly her grandchildren. Thank you, Sharon, and congratulations on a wonderful career of service to our community.



## HERSTON HEALTH CAMPUS

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11AM – 2PM  
RBWH EDUCATION  
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METRO NORTH 2026  
STAFF EXPO

## Staff Expo - 11 March

The Herston Health Campus Staff Expo is happening on Wednesday 11 March. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the benefits of being a Metro North employee from our providers. No need to register, just drop by between 11am and 2pm on the day. Information about the vendors is available [here](#).

## Community interest in our work

Occasionally, popular culture sparks renewed interest in the work we do. This has been the case with the hospital drama 'The Pitt', which depicts a fictional trauma centre in Pittsburgh, USA. Our Director of Emergency, Dr Sean Rothwell, has already participated in several interviews this year inspired by the series, with media particularly interested in the similarities between the show and real life. Listen to his latest ABC Radio interview [here](#).

Thank you all for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

Louise Oriti





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innovation and research meets compassionate  
care and community voices shape our services.



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