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Message feedback



**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



**For:** Information

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a busy start to the year at STARS and it is hard to believe we are already in Autumn. With the cooler weather also comes our preparation for the upcoming flu season. Our Infection Management and Prevention Service (IMPS) are currently looking for STARS

Registered Nurses or Accredited Pharmacists to become part of the influenza vaccination team at STARS. Flu vaccines will be rolled out at STARS from mid-April to mid-May. If you are interested in joining the vaccination team, discuss with your Line Manager first and then contact IMPS as soon as practical on (07) 3647 7961 or [STARSIMPSCNC@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:STARSIMPSCNC@health.qld.gov.au)



Look out for details of the staff vaccination program in an upcoming Metro North Staff bulletin.

### Fit testing

Fit testing is another important element in providing protection against illness or injury and needs to be completed annually. It only takes approximately 20-30 minutes per test. You can book your fit test [here](#).

## Help shape the direction of Metro North Health

Have your 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.



Last week, Metro North Chief Executive Nick Steele launched the consultation phase for the roadmap. Herston staff had the opportunity at Wednesday's Staff Expo to provide feedback, ensuring the strategy reflects real-world needs and frontline experience. If you weren't able to make the Staff Expo you can view and provide feedback via the [Future Metro North page](#).

## Qld Women's Week

This week is Queensland Women's Week, with the theme being 'Shaping tomorrow together'. Throughout the week Metro North profiled five of our inspirational staff, including one of our own, Indigenous Health Liaison Officer Lyn Bell.



Lyn is a much loved and respected staff member at STARS, providing support to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients. She plays an integral role in the success of our culturally safe endoscopy pathway. It was wonderful to see Lyn being recognised in this way.

You can watch Lyn's video profile [here](#).

## Hospitality Workers in Healthcare Day

Last week, operational services staff were invited to a BBQ to recognise Hospitality Workers in Healthcare Day.

Our Food Services staff provide tasty and nutritious meals to meet a range of preferences, dietary requirements and clinical needs such as modified textures. We all know what a difference good food can make to a patient's hospital stay and the quality of the food at STARS is a frequent source of compliments. Thank you to our wonderful Food Services staff for everything they do for our patients.



Building relationships, understanding each other's roles, and developing the teamwork skills essential for patient-centred care from the outset creates a shared foundation for how we work together within our clinical environment.

Our Student Education Team, along with our Clinical Educators and Clinical Teaching Fellows, are actively supporting these students in a range of learning experiences to help set them up for success.



## Grant/scholarship opportunities

A few reminders of grant rounds and scholarships that are currently open to STARS staff. The RBWH Foundation's grants for research and patient initiatives are open until Thursday 2 April 2026. You can find out more information and [apply here](#).

Metro North Health's Pre-Research Higher Degree (RHD) Scholarships are also open for applications. They enable clinicians to further develop their research plan, methodology and supervision plans, with the goal of achieving enrolment in a RHD (PhD or MPhil) by Thursday 31 December 2027. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Patient compliment

This fortnight's compliment is from a long-term patient of the Oral Health Centre. It is a wonderful reminder of the ongoing role Metro North services play in a patient's health journey.

*"I have been attending the Dental clinic at Herston for quite a few years. I have always been impressed by all levels of staff in all the different clinics. Everyone is universally patient and careful and thoughtful and helpful and professional. I think the whole service deserves a compliment."*

Kind Regards

**Dale Dally-Watkins**  
Executive Director  
STARS



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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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



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