

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

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- Outstanding performance award
- Metro North Staff Expo next week
- Thumbs up for Christopher riding again
- Discharge delay tab

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Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Team,

The Minister's Office recently provided an update on Hospital Rescue Plan (HRP) projects and other projects across Queensland.

Whilst the TPCH expansion was not specifically mentioned, it remains a committed project within the HRP, with master planning underway. As per the recent staff forum, TPCH is a pivotal site for Metro North with many exciting opportunities for development given the size of the campus, all of which are being considered as part of master planning.

Chief Executive Nick Steele, Chief Operating Officer Stephen Eaton and Chief Finance Officer Hari Iyer were at TPCH on Monday to go through TPCH's monthly performance reports.

They commented on the large number of patients receiving care and were pleased with how TPCH is performing. Thanks to everyone for rising to the challenge.

This afternoon, Chief Executive Nick Steele and I will meet with Federal Member for Dickson, Ali France MP, at Kallangur Satellite Health Centre (Kalangoor).

I have been working with the TPCH Staff Council on a coffee option for overnight staff and hope to have some good news soon. Watch this space.

The Common Good Cafe's After Dark Eats continues on Wednesday and Thursday nights. I'm hopeful it will expand to five nights a week soon. There are several coffee machines available across the facility as well.

Executive Update

Dr Francesca Arcidiacono will continue acting in the Paediatric Services Medical Director role while we undertake temporary recruitment to the role.



Dr Jane Hutchinson awarded for outstanding performance

Congratulations to Dr Jane Hutchinson on being awarded the Professor GA (Don) Harrison Medal for outstanding performance in fellow exam for the College of Intensive Care (CICM) Australia and New Zealand.

This medal is awarded to the highest scoring candidate in the second part (final) exam.

While Dr Hutchinson recently finished at TPCH, I'm glad to hear she's at STARS and remains part of the Metro North team.



Metro North Staff Expo next week!

Is salary sacrificing or updating your super has been on your "to-do" list? Get it sorted at the Metro North Staff Expo.

The Expo will held in the Education Centre foyer across two days - Wednesday (4 March) and Thursday (5 March). It will bring together a range of staff benefit providers, including financial, banking, health and wellbeing.

Just drop in between 11am and 2pm on either day. Vendor information is available on [QHEPS](#).

Submit abstracts for Metro North Innovation Showcase

The Metro North Innovation Showcase will be a great opportunity to highlight the creative and innovative ideas that TPCH teams have delivered over the past 12 months.



Chief Executive Nick Steele and Board Chair Bernard Curran will be attending and are keen to hear directly from staff about innovation, implementation and co-design in practice at TPCH and across Metro North.

The Showcase will be held at the RBWH Education Centre on Friday 12 June. Save the date in your calendar today.

More details on submitting an abstract are available [here](#). Submit your abstract [here](#).

Thumbs up for Christopher riding again!

We don't always hear how former patients are going once they leave our care. That's why I was excited to watch this Facebook video from Christopher Cullen.

Christopher is a former Rehabilitation Day Therapy Unit (RDTU) patient who, with the help of zero gravity and our rehab and physio teams, learnt to ride his bike again following a stroke.

It's a great story. Watch the [reel here](#).



Discharge Delay Tab added to Patient Flow Manager

The Discharge Delay Tab (DDT) within Patient Flow Manager (PFM) now provides a consistent method for identifying and recording delays that occur during an inpatient's journey.

It reduces duplication across multiple local systems and establishes a consolidated source of truth to support timely decision-making. By highlighting delays to acute care and barriers to discharge, we will improve access to care, shorten lengths of stay and optimise patient outcomes.

TPCH will need to make adjustments to some local processes. For more details contact the [Digital Metro North Clinical Informatics](#) team.

Finally,

Recent line marking work at TPCH is helping to provide a safer environment for patients, staff and our community.

Works recently completed included refreshing the pedestrian crossing near the Emergency Department (left), renewing yellow edge lines along Jacaranda Drive (centre) and removing the old pedestrian crossing near The Common Good (right).



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