

Message from the
**Acting ED Caboolture,
Kilcoy and Woodford**

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Summary:

- Executive update
- Metro North Paediatric Community Hearing Program launches
- Staff flu vaccinations coming soon
- CKW logistic nurses attend patient flow conference
- Indigenous Identification Training 2026
- Congratulations to Helen Edwards and Annabelle Marozza
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter with family and loved ones. Thank you again to those who worked over the Easter long weekend to keep our services running.

I want to begin with a heartwarming Easter story. We were approached by the team at IAMKIND Movement, a not-for-profit movement built on self-love, gratitude, kindness, purpose, and reflection, with an Easter egg donation for Caboolture Hospital.

Thanks to a generous donation from Katie Topp at Ray White Caboolture, the IAMKIND team were able to hand out Easter packs to the patients, families and staff in the paediatric and ICU wards.

Thank you to everyone involved in bringing smiles and happiness to our patients and staff.



Metro North Paediatric Community Hearing Screening Program launches

I am excited to share that Metro North's new Paediatric Community Hearing Screening Program officially commenced on Monday 30 March, with the very first patient seen in Caboolture.

Funded through the Putting Queensland Kids First initiative, the Caboolture Audiology team is now delivering hearing screening closer to home, with clinics

running at community locations in Caboolture, Redcliffe, Strathpine and Kilcoy.

This community-based service makes it easier for families to access hearing screening for children aged nine months to 16 years, without a medical referral or hospital appointment. Parents are able to self-refer their own child via an online booking form. Referrals can also be made by GPs, teachers, allied health professionals or any other professional working with the child.

By improving access and early detection, this initiative supports better outcomes for children's hearing, speech and language development - helping set them up for success from the very start.

Click [here](#) for more information about the screening program and patient eligibility. Posters and brochures are available to advertise the program – please contact the Caboolture Hospital Audiology team directly if you would like some to display in your clinical area.

Metro North staff flu vaccination program

The Metro North Health staff flu vaccination program will start at the CKW Directorate soon.



Getting an annual flu vaccination is a simple way to protect yourself and people around you at work, at home and in the community. The flu can have a significant impact even on healthy people. Getting vaccinated reduces your risk of getting sick, needing time off work

and experiencing more serious complications.

All of us can also slow the spread of flu by following healthy habits, such as regularly washing our hands and cleaning surfaces, always covering your cough and staying home when you're unwell.

More details are available on [QHEPS](#).



CKW logistic nurses attend Patient Flow Conference

Four Caboolture Hospital emergency department logistic nurses attended the Patient Flow Conference in Sydney, focusing on hospital access block and the system-wide pressures driving it.

The conference challenged the usual ED-focused lens, highlighting how flow issues stem from broader factors across inpatient care and community services. Sessions covered the history and drivers of access block, the impact of time-based targets, clinical redesign, and improving care transitions for marginalised groups. Strong emphasis was placed on using data, research, and health economics to guide decisions.

The key takeaway was clear: improving patient flow requires coordinated change across the whole system, not just the emergency department front door.



Indigenous Identification Training 2026

Staff are encouraged to complete the mandatory Indigenous Identification training, with 2026 session dates now available to book via [TMS](#).

This important training supports staff to accurately and respectfully identify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, helping ensure culturally safe care and improving health outcomes. All staff are reminded to book into a session and complete this requirement as part of their ongoing commitment to providing inclusive, high-quality care.



2026 Allied Health Research Symposium

Congratulations to Helen Edwards and Annabelle Marozza, who proudly represented CKW at the 2026 Allied Health Research Symposium.

Helen and Annabelle were among more than 50 allied health professionals from across Queensland selected to present at the symposium.

- Helen Edwards, Clinical Lead Physiotherapist, presented *Asking the Questions – Exploring the Experiences of Menopause at Caboolture Hospital, Kilcoy Hospital and Woodford Corrections Health Directorate.*
- Annabelle Marozza, Senior Occupational Therapist, presented *Use of sensory processing information in the diagnosis of neurodiversity in children at an Australian community hospital.*



Helen received the People’s Choice Award for her impactful presentation. This award is a testimony to her presentation skills and the importance of her research understanding menopause experiences and support needs within the healthcare workplace. Helen is currently preparing for the next stage of the research which will be co-designing solution(s) to improve the experience of menopause for staff.

CKW congratulates both Helen and Annabelle on their outstanding contributions and continued commitment to advancing allied health research.

April What's On

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WHAT'S ON

- ★ APRIL NO FALLS MONTH
- ★ WORLD PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH
- ★ WORLD AUTISM DAY - THURS 2 APRIL
- ★ WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY - SAT 11 APRIL
- ★ WORLD HAEMOPHILIA DAY - FRI 17 APRIL
- ★ DONATE LIFE WEEK - MON 20 - SUN 26 APRIL
- ★ WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK - FRI 24 - THUR 30 APRIL
- ★ WORLD MALARIA DAY - SAT 25 APRIL
- ★ ANZAC DAY - SAT 25 APRIL

CKW EVENTS

- EASTER LONG WEEKEND FRI 3 - MON 6 APR
- APRIL STAFF FORUM - WED 29 APR
- WEDNESDAY FOOD TRUCKS FROM 5PM

CKW Pets of the Week

This week's CKW Pets of the Week belongs to Rachael Ramsay, Midwife Navigator Complex Maternity.

Name: Jimmy



Age: Six years old
Breed: Lowchen

About Jimmy:

This is Jimmy. He's a six-years-old pure bred Lowchen which is a very rare breed in Australia.

Lowchen's (meaning little lion) are known to date back in history as far as the 15th century and were known as footwarmers and comforters.

Jimmy certainly lives up to that reputation as he loves to snuggle into your feet!

We need more pets! To have your pet featured, please send a photo and the above details [here](#).

Quote of the day

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

Arthur Ashe

Kind Regards

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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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