

Vale Donna Bowman



31 March 2026

Dear colleagues,

As many of you may already know, it is with great sadness that Metro North Mental Health (MNMH) acknowledges the passing of Donna Bowman late last week.

Donna had an incredible nursing career which spanned more than 40 years. She truly exemplified what it means to be a nurse, having worked across multiple MNMH facilities as well as the NGO sector.

For the last 9 years, Donna held the role of Operations Manager, Spring Hill Community Mental Health Centre. Donna had an extraordinary impact on service delivery, consumer care, and staff development.

While she was never one to draw attention to her own achievements, the relocation to Spring Hill Community Mental Health Centre will always remain part of her legacy, as well as the transformational changes to the Allied Health Structure at MNMH-TPCH and spearheading the integrated employment program which ran successfully for around 18 years. Each of these embodied her passion for genuine consumer care and providing opportunities for staff to be their best.

Donna was a tenacious leader with immense knowledge and experience. Those who had the opportunity to work alongside her know she consistently pushed for meaningful change, was willing to have difficult conversations, and held people accountable. Donna's direct and to the point leadership style went hand in hand with her incredibly compassionate and caring nature.

Donna will be deeply missed by Metro North Mental Health, and our thoughts are with her family, friends, and colleagues at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Hitesh Joshi

Acting Executive Director
Metro North Mental Health



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