

Executive Director The Prince Charles Hospital

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Message feedback



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For: Information

Dear Team,

Many of you will be heading off today for a well-deserved Easter break.

For some people, Easter retains its significant religious and cultural meaning. It is also often a time shared with family and friends.

However, for our patients, it can mean missing Easter celebrations. Thank you to everyone who will be working during the long weekend. I am truly grateful for your hard work, your commitment and helping spread some Easter cheer to everyone across the hospital.

I plan to rest and re-energise, as well as enjoy some yummy hot cross buns and maybe a few sneaky Easter eggs, too!

Whatever Easter holds for you, please stay safe, take care and enjoy yourself.

Executive Update

Miranda Bartlett will continue in the Acting Director of Allied Health role for a further two weeks. Perry Judd will now return to the role on Monday 13 April.

Farewell Dr Ob. We'll miss you!

Dr Nchafatso Obonyo joined the TPCH Clinical Care Research Group (CCRG) International Fellowship Programme in 2014.

He then completed a joint PhD CCRG and KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, supported with a scholarship from the Initiative to Develop African Research Leaders (IDeAL)



from 2016 to 2020.

While at TPCH, he has led many studies, notably the development of CCRG advanced preclinical sepsis model, working in collaboration with Prof Mark Schembri at the Institute for Molecular Bioscience at The University of Queensland and doctors at the Queensland Children's Hospital.

A trained cardiologist, Dr Ob worked closely with TPCH echocardiography team: A/Professor David Platts, A/Professor Darryl Burstow, Professor Jonathan Chan and Professor Gregory Scalia AM.

Dr Obonyo departs for Melbourne this week, where he will start a sabbatical with the Translational Cardiology Centre at the Bakers Heart and Diabetes Institute in Melbourne.

Transgender Day of Visibility

Tuesday (31 March) was International Transgender Day of Visibility — a day to celebrate, honour and recognise the contributions, experiences and stories of transgender, gender diverse and non-binary people.

At TPCH, we're proud to have many talented transgender and non-binary staff who enrich our workplace with their perspectives and lived experiences. Their contributions help us provide better, more inclusive care for all patients.

For more information on creating a safe and inclusive workplace and hospital for all employees and consumers, regardless of sex, gender or sexual orientation, visit the [Metro North Pride website](#).

This Easter, save lives and have your chocolate, too!

Never been a blood donor before? Now is the time. Lifeblood needs donors this Easter - why not save lives and have your chocolate, too?

TPCH Blood Management CNC Rachael Gesch will display pictures of blood donors in the hospital during Blood Week in June.

Next time you're at the donation centre, take a photo and email it to tpch-pbm@health.qld.gov.au. Donors also go into the draw to win a prize pack.



Recognise our research excellence

Nominations for the 2026 Metro North Research Excellence Awards are now open!

There are eight categories this year for individual and team researchers.

These awards recognise and reward outstanding achievement in research across all clinical specialties, professions and services in Metro North Health.

[Submit nominations](#) by 5pm Monday 27 April. The awards ceremony will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday 30 July from 6pm.



AI app QChat now available for TPCH staff

TPCH staff now have access to the Queensland Government secure AI app, QChat.

QChat can help us to work smarter and more efficiently. In particular, to make routine and repetitive tasks faster, allowing more time to focus on higher-value work.

However, QChat is not a clinical tool. It must not be used for clinical decisions, medical advice, diagnosing patients or patient specific matters. Personal or identifiable patient information must not be uploaded to QChat.

To learn more about what QChat can offer and request access, visit the [QChat QHEPS page](#).

Cafe hours over Easter

A special thank you to everyone working over Easter. I appreciate it and I know our community certainly does as well.

The TPCH Main Cafe will be open 8am to 3pm each day over the long weekend, returning to normal on Tuesday 7 April.

The main entry kiosk and emergency caravan will be closed from Friday 3 April, returning Tuesday 7 April.



The Night Grind overnight coffee van is also taking an Easter break, returning Tuesday 7 April.

Finally,

It was lights, camera, action when TPCH took centre stage as the backdrop for a Queensland Government TV advertisement recently. A big thank you to all the teams that provided a helping hand.

Have you seen the advertisement on TV? If not, you can catch it here on [YouTube](#).

Have a happy and safe Easter!

Kind regards,

Tami Photinos
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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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