

Metro North Health

Message from the Acting Board Chair

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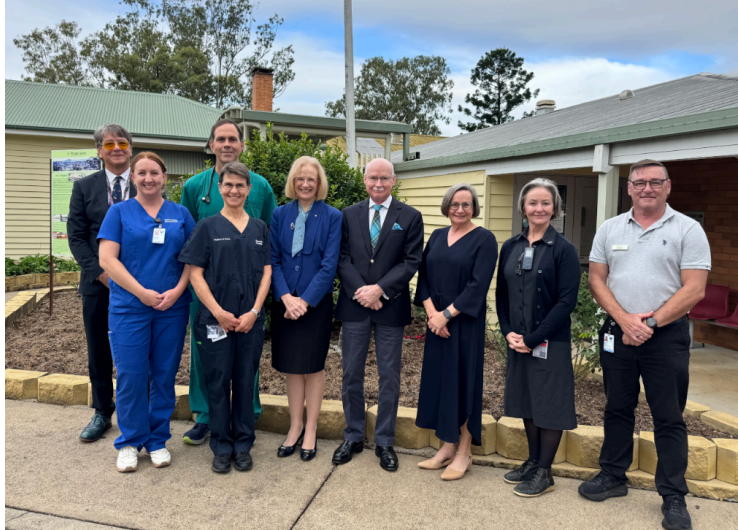
Dear colleagues,

This week was World Vaccination Week, an ideal reminder about the importance of protecting our health through vaccination, especially during the cooler months. Metro North's staff flu vaccination program is an excellent way of preventing illness and keeping ourselves healthy during a period when respiratory illness is at an all-time high. That's why I was pleased to join members of the Metro North executive team at STARS last week to receive my flu vaccination and help protect the health of our Metro North staff and community.



Governor visits Kilcoy Hospital

Yesterday, I travelled out to Kilcoy Hospital to join Acting Executive Director Caboolture Kilcoy Woodford, Dr Ted Chamberlain and Kilcoy hospital staff for a special visit by Her Excellency, Governor of Queensland, Dr Jeannette Young and Professor Graeme Nimmo. During the visit, Her Excellency toured the Emergency Department, Medical Ward, x-ray room and kitchen, meeting with local staff and gaining insight into the care and services provided to the Kilcoy community. The visit was a valuable opportunity to showcase the dedication of our teams, and the important role Kilcoy Hospital plays in delivering high-quality care to our rural communities.



Board meeting

Earlier this week, we hosted our monthly Board meeting at RBWH. Prior to the meeting, Board members had the opportunity to visit and meet with teams in the ICU, Special Care Nursery and NeoRESQ, and Cancer Care ward. This was a great opportunity to learn about the first-class care we provide to some of Metro North's most vulnerable patients. I was fortunate to also accompany Chief Executive Nick Steele on a tour of the Catheter Lab and Coronary Care Unit, Emergency Department and Outpatients. During lunch, Board members met and spoke with RBWH Staff Council and other hospital staff members, to discuss some of the key priorities and issues within their day-to-day work.

During the Board meeting, members were briefed on the Surgery Clinical Stream annual report. They commended teams on the sustained improvement for elective surgery waitlists, which included record activity during February and March despite increasing emergency surgery demands.

The Board also had the opportunity to hear from Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Sherry Holzapfel who presented the Health Equity Implementation report. Focus areas were the impact of the anti-racism campaign and the recent Health Equity community consultation event held in partnership with Children's Health Queensland. We look forward to hearing the outcomes of the next collaborative consultation session to be held on May 28.

Alanna Geary, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer provided an update to the Board on graduate recruitment and onboarding, as well as various partnerships supporting the development of our nursing and midwifery stream within Metro North. These included QUT-Metro North Nursing and Midwifery Research Internships; QUT-Metro North Registered Nursing Clinical School; and Urapun Enrolled Nursing Clinical School. Well done on the innovative work being done to support the career progression of nurses and midwives across Metro North.

Looking ahead, the Board will host its May Board meeting at Kilcoy Hospital on 28 May. We look forward to the upcoming Kilcoy Hospital Auxiliary Fete to be held on Sunday 24 May, 9am – 2pm, in Yowie Park. This is the first time the fete will be held away from the hospital site to encourage more stallholders and community participation, with all proceeds going to Kilcoy Hospital. It is great to see the tradition of this popular fete continuing with support from hospital auxiliary and staff.

Regards,
Meg

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