

Message from the

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Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear CKW team,

Tomorrow is Anzac Day, a time to pause, reflect, remember, and honour the courage, sacrifice and service of all those who have served our country.

Across our CKW community, we are proud to have staff who have served in the Australian or New Zealand Defence Force, as well as many who continue to support family members and loved ones who have worn the uniform.



To those among us who have served, we thank you. Your commitment, resilience and sense of duty are deeply respected, and the values you carry continue to strengthen our teams every day.

Whether you attend a dawn service, take a quiet moment of reflection, or pause during the Last Post that will be played over the intercom at Caboolture Hospital, I encourage everyone to acknowledge the significance of this day.

Lest we forget.

I will be walking around Caboolture Hospital tomorrow morning handing out Anzac Biscuits, keep an eye out for me.

To see times and locations for Anzac Day services across the Moreton Bay region, please click [here](#).



Welcome Julie Tasker - Nurse Practitioner Diabetes

Please join us in welcoming Julie Tasker to the team as our new Nurse Practitioner Diabetes.

Julie brings extensive experience across all areas of diabetes care, spanning both public and private sectors. She joins us from her previous role as a Clinical Nurse Consultant in diabetes in pregnancy.

In her new role, Julie will deliver high-level, coordinated care for women with gestational diabetes (GDM), type 1 and type 2 diabetes. She will also partner closely with the Ngarrama team to strengthen care for First Nations women—an important and growing area of focus. In addition, Julie is commencing postnatal care support alongside our

dietitian Kristen, helping address key gaps in ongoing diabetes management.

Julie will be based across antenatal outpatient clinics, satellite clinics and Leda Boulevard, supporting patients across multiple care settings.

Fun fact—Julie once lived and worked as a nanny for the children of John Farnham for two years, combining travel with a very unique life experience.

We're excited to have Julie on board and look forward to the impact she will make for our patients and community.

Nursing and Midwifery scholarships - Women and Girls' Health Improvement Program

The Women and Girls' Health Improvement Program supports women and girls to more readily navigate the healthcare system and receive timely, effective care.

Under this program, up to 20 scholarship opportunities are available annually for Queensland Health nurses and midwives to undertake courses from the [Australian College of Nursing](#). This scholarship program will provide capability uplift to improve pelvic health care for women and girls over a 4-year period.

Scholarship applications open now until 8 May. Find out more about the program and how to apply for a scholarship on [QHEPS](#).



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The graphic features the text 'JOIN THE METRO NORTH STAFF' at the top, followed by '2026' in a speech bubble. The main title 'FLUFIGHTERS' is in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline, set against a background of blue splashes. Below the title, the slogan 'ROLL UP & FIGHT BACK!' is written in bold blue letters. At the bottom right, the logos for Metro North Health and Queensland Government are displayed.

The Infection Disease Physician Dr Krispin Hajkowicz, Public Health Physician Yudish Soonarane and TPCB Infection Control CNC Janice Geary hosted a vidcast yesterday to launch this year's Metro North staff flu vaccination campaign. If you missed it, watch it [here](#).

An annual vaccination remains the best defence against severe disease and complications from the flu.

The CKW Vaccination Clinic located in Ward 3A is open from 8am to 3:30pm weekdays with Tuesday and Thursday clinics operating from 6:30am to 3:30pm from now until 29 May (excluding public holidays and weekends). Simply drop-in – no need to book an appointment.

The vaccination clinic operating from 1 June to 3 July will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays only between 6:30am - 3:30pm.

Next week, the mobile clinic will also operate from 27 April to 29 May, please call 8869 for location.

For more details, visit the Metro North [Staff Extranet](#) page.



CKW biannual memorial service

The CKW Chaplains hosted a memorial service on Monday for all patients, families and staff have suffered the loss of a loved one, in recent months.

The service was led by our volunteer Chaplains, Margaret Courtney, Audrey Choo, Michele Wilma, and Gwen Harrison. Alan Greaves and other leads were unable to attend the event today.

The next CKW Memorial Service will be held in October 2026.

Special thanks to Carol Holmes, Sara Winter, Kirby Harwood and Parker Michaels for the organisation and coordination of the memorial service. Big thank you to The Common Good for supporting a light morning tea for the attendees.

Positive social media feedback

A recent community social media post has highlighted the exceptional care provided by our Emergency Department team at Caboolture Hospital.

The patient's family shared their experience of timely triage, clear communication, and compassionate, high-quality care throughout their visit. They praised the professionalism and kindness of both nursing and medical staff, noting how well informed and supported they felt during what was a stressful time.

The post also recognised the small but meaningful touches such as regular check-ins, support for family members, and a strong focus on patient comfort and safety—which

contributed to an overwhelmingly positive experience.

It's a great reflection of the dedication and care our teams show every day. Well done to everyone involved.



New Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified Role Descriptions

New and updated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified Role Descriptions are now available via the [Metro North recruitment resources](#).

These updated templates have been developed to strengthen consistency and cultural integrity across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified roles. As you might be aware, role descriptions are a critical component of recruitment processes, providing clarity on duties, accountabilities, delegations and requirements for prospective applicants.

The new Identified role description templates introduce several important enhancements, including:

- Strengthened culturally supportive key accountabilities embedded as a standard requirement
- Inclusion of cultural reporting line delegations to reinforce cultural governance and support
- Updated identification eligibility questions to ensure clarity and consistency in recruitment
- Additional refinements to better reflect the expectations and responsibilities of Identified roles across the service.



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
- MEMORIAL SERVICE - MON 20 APR 10AM
- APRIL STAFF FORUM - TUES 28 APR
- WEDNESDAY FOOD TRUCKS FROM 5PM



CKW Pet of the Week

This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Amy Shaw, Acting Ambulatory Care Coordinator.

Name: Moe and Willie Nelson

Age: Moe (two), Willie Nelson (five)

Breed: Moe – Aussie Bulldog | Willie Nelson – Irish Wolfhound

About us:

Moe (20kg) and Willie Nelson (83kg) are proof that size means absolutely nothing, at least in Moe's mind.

Moe spends his days trying to take down Willie Nelson like a one-dog demolition crew, while Willie mostly just tolerates the chaos.

Their shared hobbies include sunbaking like retirees and sneaking into the kids' beds on cold mornings, taking up 100% of the space.

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

Quote of the day

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Kind Regards

Dr Ted Chamberlain

Acting Executive Director,
Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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