

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

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Summary:

- International Day of the Midwife
- Staff profile - Alyce O'Leary
- 40 years of service for Sandra Withers
- Caboolture Medical Hub important parking update
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

We recognised International Day of the Midwife on Tuesday 5 May. I would like to sincerely thank all the incredible midwives within our directorate for the compassionate care, support and dedication you provide to women, babies and families every day.

Midwives play such an important role during some of life's most significant moments, guiding families through pregnancy, birth and the early days of parenthood, with kindness, expertise and empathy.

Thank you for the difference you make in our community and for the outstanding care you continue to provide each and every day.



On another note, as Mother's Day approaches this Sunday, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all the mothers, grandmothers, carers, mother figures and role models in our lives and communities.

Whether you are raising children, supporting others, caring for family, friends or colleagues, or simply offering guidance and kindness to those around you, your impact is deeply valued and appreciated.

To everyone celebrating this Mother's Day, thank you for the love, strength and care you provide every day. Wishing you a wonderful and well-deserved Mother's Day surrounded by those who matter most.

Staff profile - Alyce O'Leary, Midwife

To carry on with the theme of International Day of the Midwife, today we are featuring staff member Alyce O'Leary.

For registered midwife Alyce O'Leary, supporting women through pregnancy, birth and early motherhood is both a passion and a privilege.

Alyce has worked at Caboolture Hospital for the past 10 years after completing her midwifery training here, building her career close to the community she calls home in Narangba.

The connection to Caboolture Hospital is also personal, with Alyce giving birth to all three of her children here – her seven-year-old girl and five-year-old twin girls – while being cared for by her own colleagues.

Her decision to pursue nursing and midwifery was inspired by a family experience almost two decades ago.

"My sister experienced a pregnancy loss 19 years ago and being around that environment made me look towards nursing and midwifery," she said.

"I became fascinated by pregnancy, labour and birth and knew I wanted to support women through those moments."

Over the course of her career, Alyce has helped deliver more than 200 babies and said witnessing families meet their baby for the first time never loses its magic.

Read more on Alyce's story on the [Metro North Newsroom](#).



40 years of service for Sandra Withers, Administration Officer

Sandra Withers from the Specialist Outpatient Department is celebrating an incredible milestone this week, marking 40 years of service with Queensland Health on Wednesday 6 May.

Beginning her journey in 1986 at Royal Brisbane Hospital in Medical Records and Medico-legal, Sandy has worked across several hospitals including the Children's Hospital, Redcliffe Hospital and Caboolture Hospital, where she found her "second home" in Specialist Outpatients.

Across four decades, Sandy has seen remarkable changes in healthcare, from paper health cards and microfiche systems to today's digital technology. Through it all, her dedication to patient care, strong work ethic and genuine care for colleagues have remained constant.

Sandy describes her workplaces as a "second family" and her warmth, humour and kindness have made a lasting impact on so many people across our services.

Congratulations Sandy on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your 40 years of commitment, compassion and service to Queensland Health and the CKW community.

Check out photos from Sandy's first days.



Caboolture, Kilcoy, Woodford

**International Day of the Midwife
and International Nurses Day 2026**

Celebrations



To celebrate International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day, we will be hosting many celebrations across the Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford Directorate to recognise the nurses and midwives of their exceptional contributions to our team and the wider healthcare community.

Caboolture Hospital

A sweet thank you is coming your way

International Day of the Midwife - Tuesday 5 May

International Nurses Day - Tuesday 12 May

Woodford Correctional Centre

We celebrated with cake

Tuesday 5 May

Kilcoy Hospital

We celebrated with a morning tea

Thursday 7 May

Caboolture Satellite Health Centre (Kabul)

Join us for a BBQ celebration

Monday 11 May, 11am - 12pm

Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre (Yarun)

Join us for a BBQ celebration

Friday 15 May, 11am - 12pm

CKW Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards

Thursday 14 May, 10:30am - 11:30am

Caboolture Hospital Auditorium.

The CKW Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards are sponsored by our friends at QSuper. Thank you for your ongoing support of CKW.

Caboolture Medical Hub now towing vehicles

Reports continue that Caboolture Hospital staff are parking across the road within the Caboolture Medical Hub carpark during the day, overnight and on weekends. While we understand parking can be challenging at times, these spaces are privately allocated for tenants, medical practitioners and their patients. When these parks are occupied by hospital staff, it can impact patient access to care and create difficulties for surrounding businesses.

Please be aware that from now on, random inspections will be conducted, with infringement notices issued where required. Vehicles found to be repeatedly breaching parking conditions may also be subject to towing.

As a reminder, signage throughout the site clearly states that parking is limited to two hours within a 24-hour period and is strictly reserved for centre staff and patrons only.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and consideration in helping maintain access for patients and our neighbouring healthcare partners.

May What's On

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WHAT'S ON

- ★ CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH
- ★ DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH
- ★ NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK - 10-18 MAY
- ★ NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - 18-24 MAY
- ★ RECONCILIATION WEEK - 27 MAY-3 JUNE
- ★ ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY - FRI 1 MAY
- ★ INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE - MAY 5
- ★ INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY - MAY 12
- ★ IDAHOBIT - 17 MAY
- ★ NATIONAL SORRY DAY - 26 MAY

CKW EVENTS

- ADMIN PROFESSIONALS DAY AWARD CEREMONY - FRI 1 MAY
- LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MON 4 MAY
- CKW NURSES & MIDWIVES AWARDS - THURS 14 MAY
- MAY STAFF FORUM - TUES 26 MAY
- KILCOY FETE - SUN 24 MAY
- WEDNESDAY FOOD TRUCKS FROM 5PM



CKW Pet of the Week

This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Charmaine Nugent, Operating Theatre Nurse at Caboolture Hospital.

Name: Drax

Age: 18 months

Breed: Boerboel mastiff (South African mastiff)

Drax is an 18-month-old purebred Boerboel mastiff already weighing a whopping 60kg.

Boerboel means "farmer's dog" and they were bred over 400 years ago from European settler dogs crossed with indigenous African breeds to guard farms, protecting them against predators like lions and leopards.

While Drax looks big and tough, he believes he is a lap dog and does not know personal space. Lounging in awkward positions and demanding cuddles from us, he is truly just a gentle giant who loves his family.

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

Quote of the day

"You just can't beat the person who never gives up."

Babe Ruth

Kind Regards

Dr Ted Chamberlain

Acting Executive Director,
Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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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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