

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

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Summary:

- International Nurses Day celebrations
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- National Palliative Care Week
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear CKW team,

This week, we proudly celebrated International Nurses Day across the CKW Directorate, recognising the extraordinary dedication, compassion and professionalism of our nursing workforce. Thank you to all of our nurses for the incredible care you provide to our patients, families and community each and every day. I hope staff enjoyed the many celebrations held across the directorate throughout the week.

A special thank you to our wonderful volunteers who generously assisted with preparing lolly bags and framing certificates for the awards — your support helped make the celebrations even more meaningful.

Thank you to everyone who attended the CKW Nursing and Midwifery Awards, both in person and online. It was a fantastic event celebrating the outstanding achievements of our teams, and congratulations to all of this year's deserving winners.

Thank you also to Metro North Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Alanna Geary for attending and supporting this important celebration, Justin Bryson and our friends at QSuper for sponsoring the event, and The Common Good for putting on the morning tea.

Lastly, a sincere thank you to Emma Cooper, Parker Michaels and Kirby Harwood for the enormous effort that went into coordinating the celebrations and events across the week. Your hard work was greatly appreciated and helped make the occasion such a success.





Metro North Graduate of the Year 2025

Last week, the annual Metro North Nursing and Midwifery Awards took place. I am delighted to announce that a CKW staff were among the winners.

Congratulations to Isabella Pont, a Registered Nurse from the Emergency Department for winning the Metro North Graduate of the Year.

Isabella is a high-performing graduate nurse who has excelled throughout her new graduate year. She is a compassionate and calm clinician who consistently demonstrates professionalism, strong teamwork, and dedication to patient care and safety.

Isabella is eager to learn, committed to her professional development and transition support program, and always brings a positive attitude to every shift. Her maturity, empathy, and supportive nature make her a valued asset to the ED nursing team and a deserving candidate for Graduate Nurse of the Year.



Newsroom story: Kate Jones, Paediatric Speech Pathologist

Caboolture Hospital paediatric speech pathologist Kate Jones is exploring new ways to strengthen communication between Australian primary school students and their educators through augmentative and alternative communication (AAC).

AAC refers to methods of communication other than speech, such as drawings, gestures or communication devices, and can play a vital role for students with complex communication needs.



"I have always been passionate about all people having a voice to express who they are," Kate said.

Her recent research examined how Australian primary school educators perceive AAC and whether existing supports enable its effective use in classrooms.

Kate said schools present a key opportunity for successful AAC implementation.

"Children spend six to eight hours a day at school, making it an ideal environment for consistent communication support and modelling," she said.

Read more on the Metro North Newsroom [here](#).

National Palliative Care Week

This week marked National Palliative Care Week, raising awareness of the importance of compassionate, person-centred palliative care.

This year's campaign, *"Getting to the heart of it: Big Questions. Real Answers"*, focuses on living well, having meaningful conversations about care, and ensuring care feels personal, safe and respectful for individuals and families.

The team on Ward 3C/GEMS set up a display stand in the walkway outside the orange lifts to help spread awareness and answer any questions staff, patients and visitors may have.

On Wednesday, they hosted an afternoon tea filled with lovely treats. Staff member Charity made a beautiful cake "because caring deserves cake", she said.

For more information, visit [Palliative Care Australia](#)



Privacy Week: ieMR - Access with Purpose

Recently it was Privacy Awareness Week, and I thought it would be a good time over the

next few weeks to refresh everyone's memories with some ieMR etiquette.

ieMR contains highly sensitive patient information. Access it **only when you are directly involved in a patient's care or authorised work activity**. Viewing records out of curiosity, convenience, or familiarity is not permitted—even if you know the patient or previously cared for them.

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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 Rhiannon Priestly, Admin Officer SOPD.

Name: Sage

Age: Four years old

Breed: Miniature Dachshund

Sage may look innocent and cute, but she's so much more than that. A tiny yet mighty girl. Never one to shy away from the chaos with our 13 month old, nor one to give up her squeaky toys, but when we ask for a cuddle, she will lay in our lap and snuggle right on in.

She definitely lives up to the expectation of a "hunting dog". Toads are her favourite and unfortunately, we've had a few traumatic encounters, but built like a machine, she has never needed emergency care (touch wood).

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

Quote of the day

"All dreams are within reach. All you have to do is keep moving towards them."

Viola Davis

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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Creating healthier futures together—where innovation and research meets compassionate care and community voices shape our services.



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