

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

- Anzac Day Saturday 25 April
- COH Length of Service Awards recipients
- Upcoming events: Chermside, Nundah and Stafford Connecting Care Champion Awards
- Upcoming events: Administrative Professionals Day Awards

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 3+ min



For: Information

Dear Team,

With Anzac Day on Saturday 25 April, it's time to reflect on all we have to be grateful for and be thankful to those who have made great sacrifices, across many generations, to ensure that we continue to live a peaceful and free life.



Across COH we have many current and former members of the Australian Defence Forces, along with those who have served in the armed forces.

Many more members of our hospital community will have family members who have served and made great sacrifices.

We also pause to honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women who have served in every war since Federation in 1901.

Despite facing inequality, they have continued to demonstrate immense courage, resilience and loyalty on the front lines throughout Australia's military.

We acknowledge their vital contribution to our military history, the sacrifices made by their families and communities and their enduring connection to protect Country.

Lest we forget.

COH Length of Service Recipients

It is so important to acknowledge and celebrate the service of health care staff helping and supporting others.

This week, I had the pleasure of acknowledging a large group of community healthcare workers who combined have delivered more than 1,000 years of patient care.

Around 40 staff were among those recognised at this year's Community and Oral Health (COH) 25+ Length of Service Awards.

The value of their commitment is reflected not just in years served but in the many compliments they receive from carers, family members and patients for the high standard of care they deliver.

The Length of Service Ceremony was held at the Brighton Wellness Hub and online to thank staff who had reached the milestone of 25, 30, 35 or 40 years of service.

Our 40-year length of service recipients included:

- Virtual Ward Clinical Director Dr Cameron Bennett
- Patient Support Officer Mark Bill
- Nutrition Assistant Cindy Hayes
- Administrative Officer Anne- Maree Ribone.

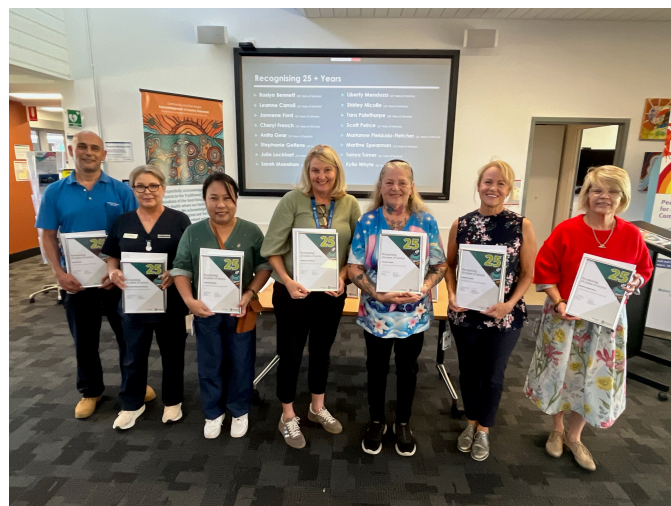
From all of us at COH I thank you all for your combined efforts improving health services across our community.

Additional service level acknowledgement will also occur for community staff who have reached a 10, 15 or 20 year milestone, and Oral Health staff later in the year.



25 Year Length of Service Recipients

- Roslyn Bennett
- Leanne Carroll
- Jannene Ford
- Cheryl French
- Anita Gear
- Stephanie Gettens
- Julie Lockhart
- Sarah Manahan
- Liberty Mendoza
- Shirley Nicolle
- Tara Palethorpe
- Scott Peirce
- Marianne Piekala-Fletcher
- Martine Spearman
- Tanya Turner
- Kylie Whyte.



30 Year Length of Service Recipients

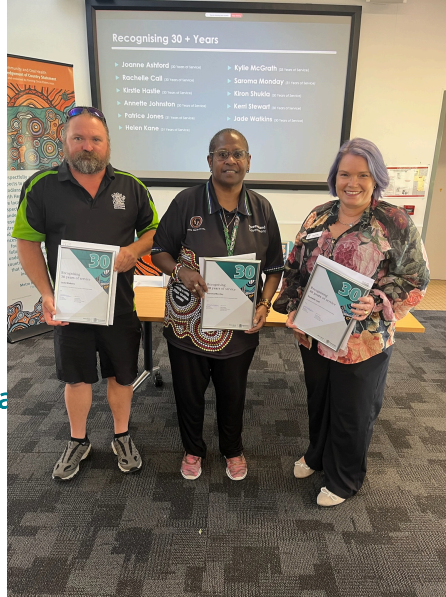
- Joanne Ashford
- Rachelle Call
- Kirstie Hastie

- Annette Johnston
- Patrice Jones
- Helen Kane
- Kylie McGrath
- Saroma Monday
- Kiron Shukla
- Kerri Stewart
- Jade Watkins.

35 Year Length of Service Recipients

- Tania Enders
- Andrea Goodall
- Pamela Ray

40 Year



Upcoming Event: Chermside, Nundah and Stafford Connecting Care Champion Awards

The COH executive and members of the staff council will be visiting Chermside Community Health Centre next week to connect, share information and recognise our staff as part of the COH Connecting Care Champion Awards.

Tuesday, 28 April
Chermside Community Health Centre
Building 26 - Conference Room
9:00 am

Or participate [via TEAMS](#).



Upcoming Event: Administrative Professionals Day Awards

Please join your colleagues and let's celebrate the winners for Administrative Professionals Day on Tuesday 28 April 2026 at the Oceanview Meeting Room, Brighton Health Campus from 1.30

to 2.30 pm.

Or via TEAMS.

Local celebrations will also be held across COH on that day and time:

- Aspley Community Health Centre, Meeting Room 46
- Caboolture Community Health Centre, Blue Conference Room
- Chermside Community Health Centre, Conference Room 1
- North Lakes Health Precinct, Room B06
- Northwest Community Health Centre, Conference Room 3
- Nundah Community Health Centre, Administration Pod
- Oral Health, Flinders Parade, Large Meeting Room.

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Metro North Health



We uphold our commitment to health equity through our Values in Action
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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