

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Message feedback



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For: Information

Dear team,

It's been a week of planning for the future at RBWH. On Monday, I joined the RBWH Cardiology Team for a planning day with staff, partners and Metro North leaders, including Chief Executive Nick Steele and Chief Operating Officer Stephen Eaton.

The session explored how to shape the future of cardiology services amid rising demand, workforce pressures and changing models of care. Discussions centred on workforce sustainability, expanding virtual and community care, strengthening research and innovation, and working together across Metro North to deliver a unified 'One Metro North' cardiology service.

Insights from the day will guide a five-year roadmap aligned with the Metro North Cardiology Strategy, supporting equitable access and improved patient outcomes.

Then, this morning, the RBWH executive team came together for a planning workshop to help shape our hospital's future as part of the *Metro North Reimagining Healthcare - 2041* strategy. The workshop focused on identifying the key strategic priorities that will guide RBWH over the next five years. I will provide more information about this session in my next message.

Thank you to everyone who participated so constructively and enthusiastically in both sessions.

International Nurses Day at RBWH

Tuesday marked a special day on the RBWH calendar as we celebrated International Nurses Day (IND), which honours nurses around the world, including the nearly 4,000 nurses who are an essential part of our hospital community.

Held each year on 12 May globally, the date commemorates the birthday of Florence Nightingale. At RBWH, the celebrations began with goody bags for those arriving at work. Throughout the day, teams gathered to share cake and doughnuts, generously provided by Team Royal, the RBWH Foundation and QSuper.

IND is a reminder of the dedication shown by our nursing workforce all year round. To every RBWH nurse: thank you. Your expertise, kindness and commitment make a real difference not only to our hospital but to the wider community that relies on you.



Upcoming Peer Responder training

Metro North's Peer Responder program plays an important role in staff well-being, including here at RBWH. While we already have more than 70 [Peer Responders](#), we are always looking for more. All that is needed is for you to be genuine, empathetic and willing to support your colleagues through listening to them non-judgmentally and having supportive conversations. You will receive training in psychological first aid, regular supervision, and access to a network of more than 300 Peer Responders across the HHS.

If you'd like to get involved, the next training session is happening in the Education Centre on Monday, 8 June. You can learn more about the program on [QHEPS](#) and [submit an EOJ](#). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Culture, Engagement and Wellbeing Coordinator, [Bridgette Williams](#).

A warmer welcome to work for all

If you arrive and leave work through the staff entry doors on the ground floor of the Ned Hanlon Building, you may have noticed a colourful new addition to your daily routine. Our entryway is now adorned with welcome and farewell messages

in multiple languages — a small touch that reflects the diversity of the people who make up RBWH.

This lovely idea came from Assistant Nursing and Midwifery Director, Elizabeth Strathdee (pictured), who suggested it as a simple way to help staff feel appreciated. Thanks to the Facility Services and BEMS teams, her idea has now come to life.



These messages are a daily reminder that every member of our workforce belongs, and that our hospital community is strengthened by the many cultures and languages that are part of it.

Giving Day is fast approaching

Our RBWH Foundation's annual Giving Day is now less than one month away. As part of the lead-up, all donations to the Foundation will be doubled, thanks to the generosity of our matching partners. To support Giving Day, our Occupational Therapy team is hosting a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Newstead this Sunday. Be sure to pop in and show your support if you're in the area. You can click [here](#) to learn more.

Thank you for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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