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Summary:

- ECMO Conference
- Thanks to our flu fighters
- Celebrating our administration professionals
- A great year for the AHRC
- Lights! Camera! Action!

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Team,

Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) is a treatment used to support patients experiencing severe cardiac and respiratory failure.

This week, TPCH welcomed multi-disciplinary staff from across Queensland for a four-day Adult ECMO course, which included high-fidelity simulations, operating the circuit and console, priming and cannulation.



Clinicians with little ECMO experience - including doctors, nurses, perfusionists and allied health professionals - were able to gain valuable hands-on knowledge and skills.



Thank you to the 1640 TPCH staff who helped celebrate [World Immunisation Week](#) (24-30 April) by already having a free staff flu vaccination. This means 35 per cent of TPCH staff have

now been vaccinated against the flu this year.

The TPCH Staff Vaccination Clinic is open 7am to 4pm weekdays on Level 3 of the Clinical Sciences Building (except Thursday 7 May). Simply drop-in - no appointment required.

Next week, the mobile trolley will also operate:

- Tuesday 5 May: Laundry 8am - 9.30am
- Tuesday 5 May: 1A/1B Meeting Room - 1pm -3pm
- Wednesday 6 May: Medical Imaging - 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 6 May: Oval Office Level 2 - 1pm - 3pm
- Thursday 7 May: Education Centre - 10am - 3pm only (The Staff Clinic will not be open).

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

2026 **70 YEAR** **CELEBRATION**

Research Excellence Awards

EXTENDED!

The nominations window for the Metro North Research Excellence Awards will now close 5pm Tuesday 5 May 2026.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION:
<https://metronorthhealth.awardsplatform.com/>

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<https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/research/our-research/research-excellence-awards>

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Celebrating our administrative professionals

Our hospitals and health facilities could not run without administrative staff. They are so often the first point of contact, providing a friendly face for our patients, families and visitors.

Administrative Professionals Day celebrations at TPCH today will include a lunchtime barbecue and the announcement of award winners. I will include those details in next week's message.

Kallangur Satellite Health Centre (Kalangoor) also has a Walk of Fame, showcasing and celebrating their administration professionals.

TPCH administration superstar, Michelle Noa, will retire next month after an extraordinary 40 years of dedicated service at TPCH, including the past 25 years in the Pre-Admission Clinic.

Michelle has been a constant, caring and reassuring, friendly face at TPCH for so many. She is looking forward to cruising and spending more time with her grandchildren in retirement.

Good luck for your next chapter, Michelle!



AHRC clearing the air for lung patients

The Allied Health Research Collaborative (AHRC) is the largest and most active research group at TPCH. Its work touches all clinical areas of the hospital. 2025 was another big year for the AHRC, which included:

- 115 research projects led
- 99 additional projects with Allied Health staff as collaborators
- More than \$10 million in funding, including 46 successful grants
- 83 manuscripts
- Over 90 oral or poster presentations
- 17 awards.

AHRC Research Coordinator Lisa Franks is focusing part of her research program on managing Bronchiectasis - a common yet under-recognised lung disease - through physiotherapy treatments.

You can read more about Lisa and her research on the [Metro North Health Facebook page](#).



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination event

Last Thursday, the TPC Education Centre hosted an event for International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The event provided an opportunity for staff to listen, learn and reflect on racism and anti-racism, with many participating in workshops and meaningful discussions.

The event included an address from Australian Human Rights Commission Race Discrimination Commissioner, Mr Giridharan Sivaraman (left).

Observed annually on 21 March, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination commemorates the 1960 Sharpeville massacre in South Africa. Established by the United Nations, the day promotes equality, inclusion and action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination and systemic racism.

Who do you call after hours?

What happens if you see any repair or maintenance issues after hours? This could include plumbing, electrical issues or lift outages that shouldn't wait until the next day.

After hours BEMS-related concerns should be escalated to the Duty Nurse Manager. Contact Switch to be put through.

The Duty Nurse Manager can escalate issues to the on-call BEMS Engineer.

Finally,

It was a case of Lights! Camera! Action! earlier this week with our RMO and SMO workforce helping film an updated resident recruitment video.

We have a great culture at TPCH. I'm looking forward to seeing that shine through in the final product.



Kind regards,

Tami Photinos
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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 we 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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