

Metro North Health message from the

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Summary:

- Acknowledging National Sorry Day & Reconciliation Week

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Dear colleagues,

Today, 26 May, we acknowledge National Sorry Day, also known as the National Day of Healing. This significant day honours the strength, resilience and courage of the Stolen Generations, while recognising the deep and ongoing impacts of past government policies and practices on Aboriginal people, families and communities.

It is a day for reflection and truth-telling—acknowledging the pain and loss experienced, listening to lived experiences, and recognising that healing is ongoing. National Sorry Day also reminds us of our shared responsibility to learn from the past, walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to contribute to healing through respect, understanding and meaningful action.

Tomorrow marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June. Reconciliation Week invites us to reflect on our actions and consider how we can continue working together to build strong, respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the broader Australian community.

This year's National Reconciliation Week theme, *All In*, reminds us that improving health outcomes and advancing the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples requires active, shared commitment. This work is not passive, nor is it the responsibility of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people alone - who for far too long have carried the burden of advocating, educating and driving change. *All In* calls on all of us to take responsibility, work together, and play our part in creating a more culturally safe, equitable and responsive health system.

True reconciliation is not achieved by being a bystander. Every single one of us must contribute to action and change.

There is still more we can and must do as a health service to achieve truly equitable health outcomes. This means putting our Health Equity Strategy into action - working in genuine partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and communities and

involving them from the very beginning in service design, development and improvement.

It's about walking alongside our communities, listening deeply, understanding their experiences, and valuing their voices and stories. Most importantly, it's about acting on what we hear to drive meaningful change and improve the experience and outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, families and communities.

On Thursday, Metro North Health, in partnership with Children's Health Queensland, is hosting a Health Equity Showcase attended by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, community and organisations. This event is about strengthening accountability, reporting back to community on our progress and actions under the Health Equity agenda, and demonstrating how community feedback is shaping meaningful change across our organisation.

In recognition of National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week, facilities across Metro North Health will host a range of local events. We encourage all staff to attend, engage in meaningful knowledge sharing, and stand in solidarity with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues as part of our ongoing journey towards reconciliation.

Regards,
Sherry and Nick

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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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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