

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

Dr Ted Chamberlain



**Summary:**

- Exercise Purple Flame
- TPCHF Jacaranda Gala
- CKW Clinical Council
- Women's Yarning Group at BISHC
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



**For:** Information

Dear CKW team,

On Tuesday, staff from across the CKW directorate joined emergency service partners for Exercise Purple Flame at the Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre. The large-scale multi-agency exercise was designed to test and strengthen our coordinated response to a simulated chemical incident.



The exercise brought together teams from Metro North, Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue, and Queensland Ambulance Service to rehearse emergency activation processes, inter-agency coordination, evacuation and decontamination procedures, and public communication strategies.

Importantly, the exercise provided staff with valuable exposure to a controlled chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) incident environment, helping to build confidence, capability and readiness in responding to complex emergencies.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for their professionalism, teamwork and commitment to ensuring we continue to deliver safe and effective care during emergency situations.



### The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation Jacaranda Gala

On Saturday evening, more than 600 people came together for the Jacaranda Gala to celebrate 40 years of The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation.

Attendees were privileged to hear from distinguished guest speakers, including Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Professor Dan Chambers, Professor John F Fraser AO, along with The Prince Charles Hospital's 500th heart transplant recipient, Rhys Hoole, and his mother, Sharon.

More than \$230,000 was raised to support remarkable research, exceptional equipment and compassionate patient care initiatives at The Prince Charles Hospital and Caboolture Hospital.

What a wonderful result for our community! A huge thank you to the incredible sponsors, partners, volunteers and guests for helping make this once-in-40-year celebration so special!





## CKW Clinical Council

The CKW Clinical Council membership includes staff from across our facilities and professions. It meets monthly to talk about things that are important for staff and patients.

Metro North Board members attend regularly and it's a great chance for CKW staff to speak directly with CKW and Metro North executives to get updates and ask questions.

As part of Metro North's commitment to supporting the clinical councils, they provide a small annual budget for the councils to spend however they choose.

This year, the CKW Clinical Council have purchased gazebos for each of the facilities to support staff activities and patient events. Coffee machines were funded for Woodford Correctional Facility staff due to limitations on hosting wellbeing initiatives within the correctional facility.

Anyone can join CKW Clinical Council. If you're interested, please email [ckwclinicalcouncil@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:ckwclinicalcouncil@health.qld.gov.au)

## National Volunteer Week

This week we proudly celebrated National Volunteer Week and recognised the incredible contribution of our volunteers — the friendly green shirts and smiling faces so many of our patients and visitors first see when they walk through our hospital doors.

The Common Good volunteers play an important role in creating a welcoming and supportive environment for our community, generously giving their time, kindness and compassion each day.



Thank you to all of our volunteers for the care, comfort and connection you bring to our patients, families and staff.

## Women's Yarning Group at BISHC

On Monday, Community Engagement Officer Tanika Idai, ran the first Women's Yarning Group for Women's Business for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Hub at Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre. There were twenty women in attendance including Elders, community members and organisations from Bribie.

Tanika started the morning by welcoming all women to the first BISHC Women's Yarning Group and laying the foundation for many more yarning opportunities to come. The aim



of the Women's Yarning Group is to connect and support, while providing a culturally safe environment to empower each other through shared experiences, which in turn strengthen community. The team will be promoting health and wellbeing by passing on information about the various health activities in and around Bribie Island. We are looking forward to the next Women's Yarning Group.

### Adult Emergencies Workshop

Well done to Tim McMahon, Nurse Educator from the Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department, for coordinating and delivering the recent Adult Emergencies Workshop as part of the revitalised Metro North nursing education initiative.

The workshop brought together staff from emergency departments across Metro North and was our largest Adult Emergencies 1 cohort for the year. Participants covered a wide range of important topics including HiRAID assessment, primary and secondary survey, trauma informed care and psychological safety, speaking up for safety, cardiac and respiratory emergencies, abdominal emergencies and hands-on minor injuries skill stations.

Thank you to Tim and everyone involved in supporting this valuable learning opportunity and strengthening emergency nursing capability across the region.



### All In for National Reconciliation Week 2026

The theme for National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) is 'All In'. It is a call for all of us to commit to reconciliation every single day.

The CKW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service are hosting a National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week event on Tuesday 26 May, 10am - 12pm in the Community Connect Room.

See you there.

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 patient privacy reminders.

Generative AI tools can be helpful, but they must never be used with identifiable patient or confidential Queensland Health information. Do not enter medical records, names, MRNs, clinical notes, staff details, photos or sensitive operational data into AI tools. Before using AI, check whether it is authorised, secure, and appropriate for the task.

If in doubt, use de-identified, fictional, or high-level information—or don't use AI at all. Privacy, confidentiality, and safety apply just as much in digital tools as they do in clinical systems.



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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

- LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MON 4 MAY
- CKW NURSES & MIDWIVES AWARDS - THURS 14 MAY
- MAY STAFF FORUM - THUR 28 MAY
- KILCOY FETE - SUN 24 MAY
- RECONCILIATION AND SORRY DAY EVENT - TUES 26 MAY 10AM
- WEDNESDAY FOOD TRUCKS FROM 5PM



### CKW Pet of the Week

This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Lauren Smyth, Nurse Navigator PACE.

**Name:** Tallis

**Age:** Celebrated his 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday 19 April

**Breed:** Cattle dog mix

#### About Tallis:

Tallis is my fourteen-year-old baby boy cattle dog mix and truly the love of my life. My husband says Tallis has the biggest ears, but he appears to use them selectively.

Last year was especially challenging when he spent two weeks in a veterinary ICU after a tick bite. We genuinely thought we might lose him, but thanks to the exceptional care he received, he pulled through and is now thriving. I might have to work the rest of my life to pay for the vet bills, but he is absolutely worth it. He celebrated his fourteenth birthday on Sunday and we will definitely celebrated him. His favourite things to do are eating, sleeping in the air conditioning, walks, swimming, camping, chewing the stuffing out of his toys after I have vacuumed, and getting constant cuddles and kisses from me.

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

### Quote of the day

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."*

*Anatole France*

Kind Regards

**Dr Ted Chamberlain**

Acting Executive Director,  
Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford

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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.

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care and community voices shape our services.



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