

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

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**Summary:**

- Caboolture Hospital on The Today Show
- A lifetime of caring for others - farewell to Katrina Kalmar
- I am here campaign spotlight
- Staff shout out
- CKW Pet of the Week

Message feedback



**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



**For:** Information

Dear CKW team,

There was plenty of excitement at Caboolture Hospital this morning as Madonna Otto, Associate Paediatric Nursing Unit Manager, took part in a live cross on the Today Show with Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo to mark International Button Battery Awareness Day, held annually on 12 June.



Duracell Australia and Hospitals United for Sick Kids (HUSK) launched Power Up & Protect – Help Sick Kids Get Home, a national initiative that combines safety education with purpose-led retail to raise awareness of the dangers of lithium coin batteries while supporting sick children and their families.

As part of the campaign, Madonna shared her knowledge and experience of button battery ingestion, prevention strategies and the steps parents and carers should take if ingestion is suspected.

She also spoke about the importance of the Child Life Therapy Program at Caboolture Hospital, which is all thanks to funding from The Common Good Foundation and Hospital United for Sick Kids campaigns.

Thank you, Madonna, you did a fantastic job. You can watch Madonna's interview [here.](#)



## A lifetime of caring for others

Yesterday, we held a celebration to farewell and thank Katrina Kalmar after 42 years of nursing, bringing to a close a remarkable career spent entirely within Metro North Health.

Katrina ends her career as Nursing Director Patient Access and Clinical Effectiveness at Caboolture Hospital. Katrina's journey into nursing began long before she put on a uniform.

Growing up, she was often helping care for family members, whether it was removing splinters from her carpenter father's hands after a long day at work or assisting her grandfather around the house when cataracts affected his vision.

"My mum always knew I was destined to be a nurse," Katrina said.

In fact, it was her mother who took the first step, applying on Katrina's behalf for hospital-based nurse training.

"She only told me when I had an interview date," Katrina said with a laugh.

Katrina began her nursing career in 1984 as a student nurse at Royal Brisbane Hospital, where she would spend the next 28 years developing her clinical and leadership expertise.

As her career progressed, Katrina's focus shifted towards patient flow and access, an area that would define the next 25 years of her professional life.

After more than four decades of service, Katrina leaves behind a lasting legacy of leadership, innovation and dedication to patient care.

The Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford community thanks Katrina for her extraordinary contribution to Metro North Health and wishes her all the best for a well-earned retirement.

Read more of Katrina's story on the [Metro North Newsroom](#).



## I am here campaign spotlight - Christen

We recently launched the CKW 'I am here' campaign posters, which celebrate the people across our organisation and the many ways you support our community every day.

I thought I would recognise the faces in the posters and give some extra insight into their 'why'.

This week we are showcasing Christen, Administration Officer, Caboolture Hospital Ward 3C.



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"My day-to-day involves supporting the ward through a variety of administrative tasks, I'm often responding to what the ward needs at the time, so no two days are ever exactly the same. I enjoy being part of a busy ward environment where my organisational support helps clinical staff focus on patient care. I also love assisting patients and their families, even having a quick conversation can make a difference to someone's day. A common misconception is that the role is purely desk-based, when in reality it requires adaptability, strong communication, and an understanding of ward priorities to contribute to patient flow and overall efficiency."

We are keen for every team across CKW to have a 'I am here' poster displayed, so please reach out to [ckw-engage@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:ckw-engage@health.qld.gov.au) if you or a colleague would like to feature on the posters.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff Recognition Survey

Across Metro North Health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and services make an incredible contribution every day. As we explore how we can better recognise and celebrate this work, we want to hear directly from you.

If you haven't already, we invite you to complete our short pulse survey. It will only take 2-3 minutes.

Staff Recognition Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/bgWwMvu4tR>

## Go Pink Bake Sale fundraiser

Join the Patient Support Service team for a Go Pink Morning Tea Bake Sale in support of breast cancer awareness on Wednesday 17 June 9-10:30am in the CSB Courtyard.

Enjoy a delicious selection of homemade sweet and savoury treats while helping raise vital funds for breast cancer research and support services. Wear pink, bring your appetite, and help us make a difference—one bite at a time.

For more information, [click here](#).

Please contact Ricky or Liz from Patient Support Services with any questions at [Ricky.Ozanne@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Ricky.Ozanne@health.qld.gov.au) and [Liz.Taylor2@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Liz.Taylor2@health.qld.gov.au).



## Security team shoutout

I received an email from Jilanne Clinical Nurse from the Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department thanking our security team, which I want to share with you all.

*"I want to send out a massive thank you to our emergency department security team for the work you do every day, but especially yesterday in resus. We had some really unwell and behaviourally aggressive patients, and I just want to acknowledge the work you all do in protecting our nursing and medical staff as well as the patients from themselves. Your professionalism yesterday in resus was outstanding given the circumstances and we really appreciate all that your team does in keeping us all safe."*

## June What's On

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### WHAT'S ON

- ★ PRIDE MONTH
- ★ BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- ★ NATIONAL BURNS AWARENESS MONTH
- ★ MABO DAY - 3 JUNE
- ★ QUEENSLAND DAY - 6 JUNE
- ★ MENS HEALTH WEEK - 15-21 JUNE
- ★ LIFEBLOOD NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR WEEK 8-14 JUNE
- ★ MND DAY - 21 JUNE
- ★ NATIONAL STOMAL THERAPY WEEK - 22-28 JUNE

### CKW EVENTS

- CRAZY SOCKS 4 DOGS - FRI 5 JUNE 2PM
- YARNING TABLE - WED 24 JUNE
- STAFF BBQ - THURS 25 JUNE 11AM
- JUNE STAFF FORUM - TUES 30 JUNE
- WEDNESDAY FOOD TRUCKS FROM 5PM



### CKW Pet of the Week

This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Tracy-Leigh Butler AIN Clinical Support Operating Theatres.

**Name:** Norman and Nessa

**Breed:** Dachshund

#### About me:

These two are a mother and son bonded pair. My daughter rescued these babies almost five months ago. Both were horribly abused in their previous "life". My

Daughter, Georgie has done a magnificent job rehabilitating them both.

My "grandbabies" are the best little puppies ever. They are a testament to forgiveness,

kindness, and the power of gentle love.

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

### Quote of the day

*"Trust in yourself is not only built through successful repetitions, but also through failed ones. When you have worked through failures in the past, you fear them less in the future. You know you can bounce back. Successful repetitions build competence. Failed repetitions build resilience."*

— James Clear

Kind Regards

**Dr Ted Chamberlain**

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