

Metro North Health

Message from the

# Executive Director Community and Oral Health

Glynis Schultz



## Summary:

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- Saying thank you to our volunteers
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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 4+ min



For: Information

Dear Team,

I would like to thank Jayne Stevenson for covering while I was away and continuing the discussions around the transition of Brighton's 19th Avenue as a clinical ward.

Thank you to the teams currently based at 19th Avenue for showing such flexibility and willingness to improve patient outcomes and access to care.

On Tuesday, the HSCE presented the Metro North Business Case for Change.

If you did not have a chance to join the vidcast details of the Business Case for Change, including how to provide feedback, are now [available online](#).

Feedback is invited between 27 May and 17 June 2026.

## Saying thank you to our volunteers

As always, May and June continue to be a busy and fun period with a significant amount of events and activities across our service.

Recently a COH-wide celebration, including a breakfast, was held to recognise and thank our volunteers for their ongoing commitment and contribution.

It was a great opportunity to acknowledge the



important role they play in supporting our teams and enhancing the care we provide.

They are a critical comfort point for our staff, families, patients and our residents and some of the volunteers continued this commitment during the celebrations.

Several significant volunteer milestones were also acknowledged:

- **Margaret Arthars – 20 years of service**
- **Dawn Cameron – 10 years of service**
- **Margaret Crispin – 15 years of service**
- **Robyn Whip – 15 years of service**

A particularly special mention goes to **Marie Ellsworth** (pictured above), who is celebrating an incredible 40 years of volunteering—an outstanding achievement and testament to her dedication.

Thank you Marie and all of our amazing volunteers!



### **New medical imaging service**

The Brighton Health Campus is preparing for one of its most significant infrastructure projects in recent years, with a new medical imaging department set to transform how patients across Northern Brisbane access high-quality diagnostic care.

The purpose-built service, part of the Statewide MRI and CT Expansion Program, will introduce a full suite of contemporary imaging modalities including CT, MRI, Ultrasound and General X-ray, with onsite radiology reporting.



The medical imaging department will operate under the clinical and operational governance of Redcliffe Hospital Medical Imaging Department as a satellite facility of the Redcliffe Hospital

Medical Imaging Department.

The new department will support growing demand across the region and relieve pressure on existing imaging services, while giving patients access to advanced diagnostic technology closer to home.

More updates will be shared as the design, construction and commissioning stages commence and recruitment milestones are reached.

Hear from the [Project Team here](#) or visit the [project QHEPS page](#) to find out more.

An all of COH TEAMS Staff Forum will be held in the coming weeks to discuss this and other developments.

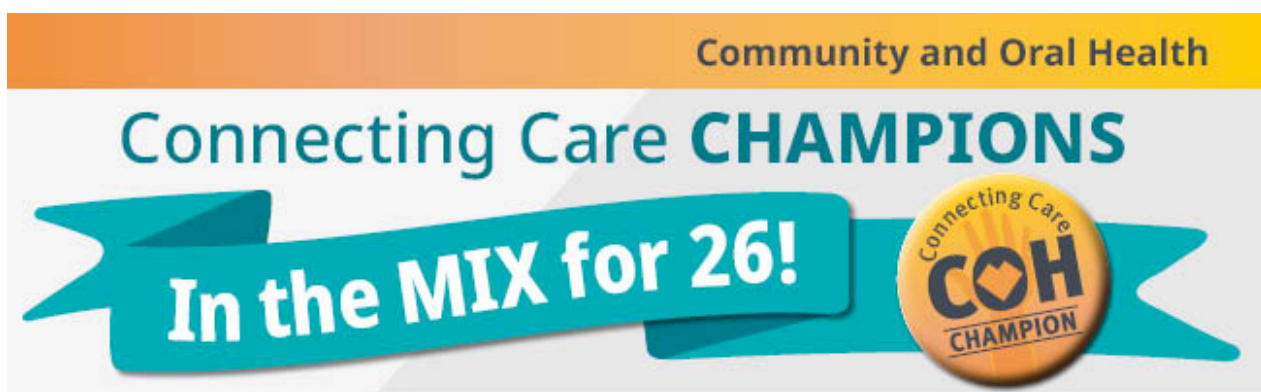


### **SET Staff Forum at North Lakes**

Next Thursday 4 June, the Metro North Senior Executive Team (SET) will hold an all staff forum from 11.30 am - 12.30 pm in the North Lakes Health Precinct Meeting Room B03, Ground Floor.

This is an opportunity for staff to come and talk to SET, hear updates, ask questions and provide feedback.

We look forward to seeing you there or online via [TEAMS](#).



### **Nominate a Zillmere or Aspley Connecting Care Champion**

The COH executive and members of the staff council will be visiting either Aspley or Zillmere to connect, share information and recognise our staff as part of the COH Connecting Care Champion awards.

Award nominations will be open to the following sites:

- Zillmere Transition Care Program

- Aspley Community Health Centre.

Please take the time to nominate a person from one of these sites for the COH Connecting Care Champion award by emailing [COH-Communications@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:COH-Communications@health.qld.gov.au)

We are looking for those champions who are the quiet achievers, the staff who connect and enhance the team and care provided, and who go above and beyond to support our residents, patients and families.

And we only need 50 or 100 words unless there is too much to say about the nominated champion! So, feel free to word smith and add a bit of colour to your nominations.

**Nominations close Tuesday 2 June!**

## Final Shout Out - Cultural Yarns during Reconciliation Week

Cultural Yarns are being scheduled across COH facilities and Oral Health sites providing a safe space for COH staff to connect and chat informally with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues on culture, beliefs, practices, health and social issues.

No registration is required and staff are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a yarn.

Its also encouraging to see many sites and services decorating their areas in recognition of Reconciliation Week.

We look forward to the judging process over the coming week and encourage nominations for the Annual Reconciliation Bowls.

[Cultural Yarns Flyer](#)

**Glynis Schultz**  
**Executive Director**



**In recognition of Reconciliation Week (27May – 3June)**

**Community and Oral Health staff are invited to an informal Cultural Yarn**

*This will be a safe space for COH staff to connect and chat informally with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues on cultural beliefs, best practice, health & social issues and other topics*

Redcliffe CHC	Tuesday 2 June 2026 9:30am – 10:30am
Pine Rivers CHC	Monday 1 June 2026 9:30am – 10:30am
Caboolture CHC	Wednesday 3 June 2026 9:00am – 10:00am
Kings Street, Caboolture	Wednesday 3 June 2026 11:00am – 12:00pm
Aspley CHC	Monday 1 June 2026 11:30am – 12:30pm
North Lakes HP	Monday 1 June 2026 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Nundah CHC	Tuesday 2 June 2026 11:30am – 12:30pm
Brighton HC	Tuesday 2 June 2026 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Open agenda – topics could include:

- Cultural issues
- Current political intersectionality's
- Demystifying beliefs and myths
- or anything you would like to discuss

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