

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 5+ min



For: Information

Dear Team,

COH has many buildings across many locations and despite their age, the external ACHS accreditors and Metro North Peer review teams comment positively on how well presented and maintained they are.

This is due in no small part to the passion and work of Jan (Janice) Freier, our administration officer for BEMs.

Jan goes to great length to work with all contractors and facility managers to prioritise maintenance and responds well to each unique and challenging situation that comes her way.

Jan's work ethic and knowledge will be a hard act to follow and she will be missed greatly.

After 17 years working across Subacute and Ambulatory Service, Community, Indigenous Subacute Service and finally Community and Oral Health, Jan has made the decision to retire to enjoy other interests.

Congratulations on your retirement Jan and thank you for all you have done over the past 17 years.



G'Day Little Queenslanders event

The School Dental Service did an amazing job promoting our service at the G'day Little Queenslanders' fun day.

This free event is all about bringing together Queensland's new babies and their families and connecting communities.

It is also to make sure parents have access to resources and information, especially those relating to good oral hygiene for their young ones.

The events featured Live kids' entertainment, creative family-friendly activities and information stalls.



COH Sunflower Initiative

By introducing the Sunflower Initiative in COH, we're taking a simple but powerful step toward creating a more inclusive, understanding and supportive environment for both our colleagues and customers.

You can join in any of these 30 minute sessions via Teams, to look at what it means to support the sunflower and steps you can take to lead the charge in bringing it to life in COH!

- Tuesday 23 June 2:00 pm - [Join via TEAMS](#)
- Monday 29 June 2:00 pm - [Join via TEAMS](#)
- Tuesday 30 June 2:00 pm - [Join via TEAMS](#)

Staff Council thank you package

Thank you to the COH Staff Council who delivered a small package of appreciation, which included a hot chocolate sachet and a Tim Tam to all the staff who willingly made changes to create a space for the 16-bed clinical inpatient Older Persons Specialist Dementia Unit at the Brighton Campus.



Final Shield team call

Reconciliation

The Community and Oral Health Rap Working Group is proud to celebrate a major milestone in 2026, this being the 10th Anniversary of our annual Reconciliation Shield.

Date: Friday, 26 June 2026

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Brighton Wellness Hub

Included: Afternoon tea provided

Team registrations can be filled out online via the QR CODE by 5pm, Friday 19 June 2026.

The winning team will earn bragging rights with their name on the shield with prizes also awarded for the best dressed team! For all enquiries, please email: COH-A.TSI.HLTHTeam@health.qld.gov.au

Community and Oral Health Reconciliation Shield Barefoot Bowls Registration



Quality of Care Report published

I am pleased to share that the [Metro North Quality of Care Report 2025](#) is now available [online](#).

This report showcases initiatives and services from across our health service that contribute to high quality care outcomes and experiences for our patients and community.

And, of special note are the COH services introduced over the past year.

- [Brightening children's smiles across Bribie Island](#)
- [Early intervention service supports vulnerable oral health patients](#)
- [Getting to the heart of good dental health](#)
- [New social work intervention to help avoid complex complications.](#)



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A good read - Visiting Croatia

Recently, Gannet House residents travelled to Croatia without even leaving the dining room!

Recreational Officer Julie explains how the team at Gannet House plan different activities each week such as cultural days and happy hour to keep their residents engaged socially.

"We do a different country every month; either places our residents may come from or where they have always wanted to go but never have," said Julie.



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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.

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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