

Metro North Health

Message from the

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- New addition to NeoRESQ family
- New trauma survivors community
- Staff council updates
- Focus on unconscious bias

Message feedback



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Dear team,

This week is National Reconciliation Week, a time to reflect on the role we all play in Australia's reconciliation journey. The week sits between two significant milestones: the 1967 referendum and the High Court's Mabo decision in 1992.

Reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aligns closely with our commitment to Health Equity. It centers on building relationships of trust, respect and inclusion. By contributing to reconciliation in our everyday actions, we help create communities that value the history, culture and strengths of our nation's First Peoples.

RBWH's updated Reconciliation Action Plan is in its final stages of endorsement with Reconciliation Australia and will outline how we will continue to progress reconciliation and Health Equity.

Click [here](#) to learn more and to meet our new Cultural Capability Officer, Yvonne O'Neill. Welcome to RBWH, Yvonne. We are grateful to have your expertise as we work to create a more equitable future.

A new addition to the NeoRESQ family

Yesterday, our RBWH Foundation and NeoRESQ launched RUBIE (Retrieving Unwell Babies in Emergency), a dedicated vehicle that will help speed up the retrieval of

critically ill and premature babies across southern Queensland and northern NSW. NeoRESQ retrieved 773 babies from 48 facilities last year, many using QAS vehicles; RUBIE will allow the team to operate more independently and will also free QAS for other emergencies. RUBIE joins its "big brother," RALPH (Returning All Little People Home), which transports recovering babies back to their communities. The new vehicle was donated by Running for Premature Babies, founded by Sophie Smith (pictured) after the loss of her triplets 20 years ago.



A reminder that our Foundation's Giving Day is on 10 June, with activities across campus. All donations up to Giving Day will be doubled thanks to generous matching partners.



New support community for trauma survivors

Last week, we marked National Trauma Survivors Day at RBWH, which acknowledges people who have experienced major injury and are working through recovery and rebuilding their lives. The day also marked the launch of the Major Injury Survivors and Support Community (MISC+). Designed by survivors, for

survivors, MISC+ connects patients and their loved ones with peer support to help navigate life during and after serious injury. Click [here](#) to learn more about this important new initiative.

Staff Council updates

I am pleased to announce that Occupational Therapist Team Leader, Erin Crofton (pictured), has been appointed Co-Deputy Chair of the RBWH Staff Council. Erin has been a council member since 2023 and will share the role with Carla Scuderi. Erin replaces Cath Willis, who was recently appointed Chair of the Council.



At Metro North, the Staff Council is calling for EOIs for its Deputy Chair role. Applicants must hold a permanent position with Metro North, be actively involved in supporting patient care, demonstrate strong leadership, and be able to engage and influence. For more information, click [here](#) to contact the Council.

Spotlight on unconscious bias

Finally for today, at this month's Collaborative Forum, Staff Wellbeing Specialist Liz Crowe hosted an insightful discussion on unconscious bias. The talk used several case scenarios to help us explore our biases and identify ways to proactively bring them to the surface to ensure we are making decisions with conscious intention. If you missed the session, click [here](#) to view the recording.

Thank you for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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