

Metro North Health

Message from the

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- Giving Day wrap-up
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- Campus safety reminder
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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear team,

This week, our RBWH Foundation's Giving Day once again delivered an inspiring celebration of generosity and patient care. While the final amount raised is still being tallied, the event once again exceeded its fundraising target of \$750,000, a great achievement!

The day began before dawn with Channel 7's Sunrise broadcasting live from RBWH, setting the tone for a day of music, bake-sale treats, 'beat the clock' challenges and visits from sporting personalities.

Among the highlights was a special visit from Australian Paralympic swimmer Alexa Leary, who sustained a traumatic brain injury in 2021 and spent more than 100 days at RBWH during her recovery. Against extraordinary odds, she went on to win gold at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games. Alexa returned to Ward 7BS to reunite with the staff who cared for her, a powerful reminder of the life-changing impact of the care we provide.

Staff across the hospital also embraced the fundraising spirit. Our Occupational Therapists raised more than \$9,100 through various events, including a Bunnings sausage sizzle, while speech pathology, audiology, nutrition and dietetics teams coordinated a hugely popular bake sale which raised more than \$4,000. Both of these amounts will be doubled thank to generous matching partners!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Giving Day such a success.



Channel 7's Sunrise program broadcast from RBWH on Giving Day.

RBWH King's Birthday Award recipient

I'd like to join the Acting Chief Executive in congratulating our own Associate Professor Michael Steyn, who was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia as part of this week's King's Birthday Honours for his significant service to anaesthesiology, peri-operative medicine and health leadership. This honour recognises a tremendous contribution not only to his chosen field of anaesthesiology but also to helping make healthcare accessible for all, particularly those in regional and remote areas of Queensland. Congratulations, Michael. We are delighted to have you as part of the RBWH community.



Bronco David Mead and Paralympic Swimmer Alexa Leary were among the Giving Day celebrity ambassadors.

Join us to farewell Barry

Dr Barry O'Laughlin is leaving RBWH later this month after a distinguished career of almost 40 years. Please join us at 3pm on Tuesday 30 June in the Education Centre to thank him for his immense contributions to our hospital and to healthcare in Queensland and wish him well for his next chapter. Barry will initially take a period of leave and will then retire.

Dr Martin Batstone will act as Executive Director, Surgical and Perioperative Services while a recruitment process is undertaken.

Help keep our campus safe

With thousands of people moving around RBWH and the wider Herston Health Campus each day, keeping personal belongings secure is essential. Please ensure any valuables such as wallets, laptops and backpacks are kept out of sight and stored securely in lockers where available.

If you ride a bike or scooter to work, please ensure it is locked using a high-quality D-lock or U-lock. Always use designated bike racks and avoid leaving your bike or scooter overnight.

A reminder that our security team is always available to assist, and we also have a QPS presence. In the event of an emergency, always call 000. Thank you for playing your part to prevent theft and keep our campus safe.



Are you ready for ieMR?

ieMR is coming to RBWH in October, and the Digital Metro North team is keen to hear if you are ready. To help with this, the next staff readiness survey is now available. This is your opportunity to anonymously voice any thoughts or issues you have as we prepare for the ieMR go-live. The information collected provides a crucial snapshot of how we're tracking, so I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Click the image to the left to get started.

As we prepare for go-live, training is ongoing, with more than 25 per cent of staff having completed it. I encourage line managers to continue booking as many staff as possible into their training now to ensure we are ready for 13 October.

Quality of Care snapshot

Each year, Metro North produces a flagship publication called the Quality of Care Report that showcases the many quality improvement and patient safety initiatives undertaken across the health service. The latest edition includes articles on RBWH activities, including becoming the first public hospital in Australia to offer NanoKnife treatment for prostate cancer patients, offering tele-cardiac services to rural Queenslanders, and strengthening our commitment to those experiencing cognitive decline. Click the image to the right to learn more.



Thank you all for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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Creating healthier futures together—where innovation and research meets compassionate care and community voices shape our services.



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