

Metro North Health

Message from the

## Executive Director RBWH

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Message feedback



**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



**For:** Information

Dear team,

The RBWH Transit Lounge Expansion Project continues to progress ahead of construction starting in the coming months. More than 50 staff and stakeholders have already shared their insights as part of the Schematic Design Phase, helping shape what will become a modern 46-space Transit Lounge designed to boost patient flow, streamline discharges and enhance the overall patient experience.

Work has also begun on the new physiotherapy rooms, which is an important step toward enabling the start of construction. The team will also take part in design presentations, cost reviews and construction reviews in the coming weeks. The DTC expansion is expected to be complete in December 2027. I will keep you updated as work progresses.

### Memory Walk launch

Patients, staff, and visitors on Level 9 can now take a walk down memory lane, thanks to a fabulous new photography installation designed to help patients stay active during their hospital stay. Funded by our RBWH Foundation and led by the Director of Internal Medicine and Aged Care, Karin Lust, and Advanced Physiotherapist Julie Adsett, the initiative encourages movement while also stimulating the mind to support recovery, reduce complications, and help patients regain independence sooner.

The collection features images spanning from the early 1900s to today, offering a fascinating glimpse into moments from the past, including a look at what hospital care looked like in the mid-20th century. It's well worth taking some time to explore the installation and see what parts of Brisbane history you may

have been part of.

A big thank you to everyone who helped bring this to life, including our Clinical Multimedia and BEMS teams. The photos were generously donated by the Qld State Archive with support also provided by The State Library, Brisbane City Archives and the Royal Historical Society of Queensland.



Julie Adsett and Karin Lust with some of the team from Qld State Archive.



Memories of Expo 88 in Brisbane were a talking point for many at the Memory Walk launch.

### PREDICT Program arrives at RBWH

A new toolkit has launched at RBWH to help families and healthcare teams prevent delirium. Called PREDICT (Prevention and Early Delirium Identification Carer Toolkit), it is a nurse-led, carer-focused resource designed to help families and clinicians prevent, recognise, and respond to delirium early.

Available in web, smartphone, and paper formats, PREDICT is a collaborative partnership between carers and clinicians. Dr Andrea Taylor (pictured right) is the Chief Investigator for the program at RBWH.



### From RBWH to the front cover

Last year, RBWH's Cardiology Service partnered with Pine Rivers State High School to showcase artworks created by students in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Club. These pieces are now displayed in cardiology, creating a culturally welcoming environment.

I am delighted to share that one of these artworks, created by student Grace, featured on the cover of this month's Heart Rhythm journal (pictured). Grace is a proud member of the Kalkadoon people of North West Queensland and has a personal connection to

the cardiology community as she underwent open-heart surgery at birth. Her achievement is a celebration of both her artistic talent and her resilience.

Congratulations to Grace on this recognition. Our Cardiology team, along with several other departments, will host their next Foodie Fundraising Day during NAIDOC Week in July to support the creation of more artwork for our hospital.

## A four-legged friend for RBWH

Meet Vic, one of the newest QPS recruits. He may look like an ordinary puppy, but he's at the start of a very special career. For the next 18 months, he'll be living, learning, and exploring with Scott, one of our onsite QPS Officers. You'll see them around the hospital as Vic gets used to different environments, sounds, smells, and people.

This socialisation is a key part of his development. Before he can "graduate" as a fully trained detection dog, Vic needs to feel confident in busy public spaces. One day, he'll help QPS detect drugs, explosives, and other substances that keep our community safe. If you spot Vic and Scott, feel free to say hello, every interaction helps him learn.



## Metro North Research Excellence Award finalists

I'm pleased to announce that our staff are among the finalists in this year's Metro North Research Excellence Awards, including our Robotic Bronchoscopy Team, Neuromuscular Research Team, and Dr Grace Xu. You can read more about the finalists' research [here](#). The award ceremony will take place on 30 July 2026 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

## Giving Day total & Dates for the diary

Following last week's wrap-up of our Foundation's Giving Day, I'm pleased to confirm the final total raised was \$756,450. This is a fantastic achievement for our entire hospital community, and I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who donated, supported, or participated in Giving Day events.

Looking ahead to July, there are a couple of dates to mark in your diary. The annual Winter Warmer will take place on 2 July from 11am, offering hearty soup, a bread roll, and a sweet treat for RBWH staff. Then, NAIDOC Week 2026 begins on Sunday, 5 July, with markets and food trucks coming to RBWH on Tuesday, 7 July. More information on both events will be shared soon.

Thank you all for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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