

Executive Director STARS

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Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Colleagues,

On Wednesday, STARS came together to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week and Mabo Day. Mabo Day commemorates the historic 1992 High Court decision overturning *terra nullius* (land belonging to no one), recognising the traditional land rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We heard from Research Scientist Dr Andrew Goodman, an Aboriginal man from Iningai Country in western Queensland. Andrew is from the Australian e-Health Research Centre (CSIRO) and his research explores using eHealth approaches and/or solutions to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health.

Andrew reflected on how when Indigenous knowledges and sciences are acknowledged and applied, you don't 'lose' westernised science, you gain over 50,000 years of science, healthcare, education, and critical research in the physical, spiritual, and natural world.

STARS Cultural Capability Officer, Henry Nona and Cultural Research Support Officer, Elwyn Henaway also provided entertainment with their didgeridoo/guitar playing. Thank you to everyone who attended the event to learn more about how they can contribute to reconciliation.



Crazysocks4docs Day

Today is Crazysocks4docs Day, held on the first Friday in June. The day aims to raise awareness of the mental health of all doctors and health practitioners and drive positive change via action.

A catwalk of all the crazy socks was held on level 3 this morning and we saw very colourful examples. Thank you to everyone for attending and to QSuper, part of the Australian Retirement Trust for sponsoring the event.



STARS for the year and so is able to assist orienting and being a support for the new RMOs on the specifics at STARS as they come in on rotation.

One of the challenges Tyler, Caitlin and Abi also identified is the automatic transfer of Surgical Operation notes to the Enterprise Discharge Summary. I will discuss this further with our digital team. As the current RMO rotation period finishes up this week, I would like to thank the RMOs for their care and services provided to our patients over their term here at STARS and wish you all the best on your next rotation.



If you would like to nominate your team for 'Walk in Your Shoes' send an email to STARS_ExecDir@health.qld.gov.au with your name, details and a day/time that suits you for the visit.

Bake Sale fundraiser

On Thursday, Level 7 held a bake sale, with all proceeds going to the RBWH Foundation's Giving Day.

The goods were baked or contributed by staff on Level 7 and there were some delicious options. Thank you to Emma Driver for organising and to everyone who donated goods or purchased items.





Giving Day

It's now less than a week to the RBWH Foundation Giving Day, Wednesday 10 June. The Foundation would love our help showcasing RBWH/ STARS nationally on the live Seven Sunrise breakfast program, by joining the background cheer squad live from 5.45am.

There's a full day of activity planned to raise awareness of the great work you all do every day, to raise funds to go above and beyond, and to raise spirits of patients, visitors and staff.

Everyone is encouraged to 'Wear Your Jersey' on the day - clinical staff need to adhere to 'Bare Below the Elbow', so either a short sleeve jersey, or a jersey that can be pushed up above the elbow. Also expect visits from sporting stars, a DJ and a ball toss competition led by the Queensland Reds in the food court.

STARS in the socials

This week speech therapists Caitlin and Jess featured in a video on Metro North's social media discussing the work they do assisting patients in the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (BIRU) to communicate with staff and their families. The [Instagram post](#) has had over 19,000 views and the [Facebook post](#) has received lots of wonderful feedback.



I loved working with both these fabulous Speechies!

Wow Caitlin and Jess! Changing lives every single day.

You are both amazing! Miss working at STARS!

We are so lucky to have these stars at STARS! The speech team is incredible.

Communication aids have come a long way since the hard copy communication charts

So great and life changing work by these speech pathologists to help people who have communication issues find ways back.

These two speech pathologists do important and amazing work, every day. ❤️

Love this! The STARS speech team are truly amazing 🌟

Patient compliment

This week's patient compliment is from one of our surgical patients who was very appreciative of the care they received at STARS.

"I would like to compliment all the staff at STARS for their magnificent work, everyone involved with my surgery were so good. Thank you to all the nurses who looked after me while in STARS. The surgical Team, Dr Pierce and all the others in theatre were fantastic".

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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