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Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Team,

I have asked Professor David McGiffin (right) to temporarily step into the role of Director of Transplant Services at TPCH.

He will work Thursdays and Fridays (0.4 FTE) for the next six months. This is a temporary appointment which aligns with one of the recommendations from the benchmarking exercise.

Professor David McGiffin is a cardiothoracic surgeon, academic and researcher who trained in Brisbane. We are fortunate to have him join the transplant team, where he will be able to contribute his extensive expertise and leadership.

I did a shift on the Wellness Wagon this week. Social Work Director Miranda Bartlett and I visited Pathology (right) and stopped to chat with people on our way through (left).



Executive Update

The Director Corporate Services position will be abolished with responsibilities distributed across three amended executive positions:

- Infrastructure and Projects will be managed by Katie Tully as Director Strategy, Infrastructure, Projects and Planning.
- Protective Services, Food Services, Patient Support Services and Kallangur Satellite Health Centre (Kalangor) will be governed by Bianca Sullivan as Director Facility Support Services.
- Administration Services and Ambulatory Outpatients will be governed by Sharyn Trappett as Director Administration Services.

Dr Jill Gardner is acting Medical Director in Safety and Quality. Dr Luis Prado is backfilling the Director of Medical Administration and Director of Gastroenterology roles.

What a compliment!

We received a compliment recently for TPCB Cardiologist Dr Mohsen Habibian about a patient that had been under his care since 2022.

The family said Dr Habibian pursued every reasonable avenue to improve the patient's heart function so he could have the best possible quality of life and longevity. They wrote about his commitment that consistently went beyond what was expected.

The family also thanked Dr Scott McKenzie for exploring further medical options at the time.

"More broadly, we want to recognise the staff of The Prince Charles Hospital as a whole. Throughout a very difficult time for our family, we found the staff to be consistently dedicated and helpful. We are grateful for that."

The care provided by Dr Habibian and TPCB was also acknowledged in State Parliament by the patient's local MP. You can read more in Hansard [here](#) (starts page 1630).

Our Blood Week display winners

It was great to see so many wards participate in TPCB Blood Week activities.

The nursing directors and I judged Ward 2C as overall winners, which received coffee vouchers donated by The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation and a hamper of delights for afternoon tea.

Runner-up was Ward 2D with an honorary mention to the Medical Imaging Department.

The Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre received my award with Ward 2E awarded for being the most 'Bloody Consistent'.



As well as ward decorating, there has been great engagement with education delivered across the hospital this week.

Warm up at our 'Soup-er Duper' event



It may be getting cold outside, but the TPCH Executive and Staff Council are ready to help you warm up!

TPCH will host the 'Soup-er Duper' winter warmer event, serving free soup and a bread roll for lunch for staff! It's a small way to say thank you for your hard work and commitment and to celebrate the end of financial year.

Date: Tuesday 30 June

Time: 11.30am - 1pm (or until we run out!)

Where: Common Good Main Cafe

Puppies help put doctor mental health in the spotlight

Crazy Socks 4 Docs Day focuses on reducing the stigma around mental health issues for doctors and health professionals and maintaining a work-life balance.

It encourages staff to think about how we support each other to talk about and manage well-being for doctors and all healthcare workers. Read more from Dr Kulunu Guruge [here](#).

I enjoyed judging the craziest socks competition. Congratulations to Clinical Nurse Kellie Singh (right) who won gifts from sponsors Doctors' Health in Queensland and MIGA.

A big thanks to the Medical Education team for coordinating the event - especially the puppies. What a great way to bring everyone together for this important cause!



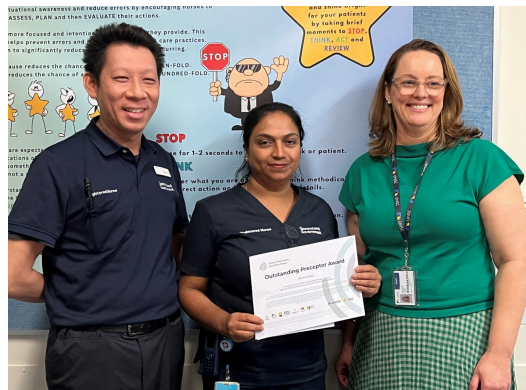
Stocked with memories: farewell Doug and Joe

This week, we farewell two valued members of our Food Services Stores team, Doug Endres and Joe La Spina (right).

Doug retires after more than 40 years and Joe after 22 years.

Doug and Joe have been the trusted faces of our stores, supporting stock control, ordering, and supply to ensure smooth meal service for patients at TPCH.

Thank you both for your dedication and contribution to TPCH.



Assisting students leads to Preceptor award

Ward 1C Registered Nurse Bismol Babu was recently recognised with an outstanding preceptor award.

This award celebrates the commitment, professionalism and positive influence that preceptors have in supporting students during clinical placements.

The award was presented by University of Sunshine Coast academic lead Kaylenne Byrne, on behalf of the national Clinical Placements with Older People program.

Bismol (pictured here with Ward 1C NUM Scanlon Chow and Kaylenne Byrne) said she was happy to know that she was able to assist students with their professional development.

Happy 101st birthday, Eloise!

Turning 101 is no easy feat - but gardening, eating a good breakfast and seeing the world sure help you get there!

Eloise is a TPCH patient who moved to St Martin's interim care when she was well enough to leave hospital, which has now become her forever home.

Hear more from Eloise on the [Metro North Facebook page](#).

Watch the Channel 10 national coverage [here](#).



Next Metro North SET all staff forum

Finally, join Chief Executive Nick Steele and the Metro North Senior Executive Team (SET) soon to hear updates, ask questions and provide feedback at the next SET all staff forum.

It will be held on Thursday 2 July from 11.30am to 12.30pm. You can [ask a question](#) in advance. [Join here](#) on Teams.

Kind regards,

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