

Metro North Health message from the

Chief Executive and ED Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

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Summary:

- Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear colleagues,

Today marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week, 5–12 July 2026, an important time to celebrate and honour the histories, cultures, achievements, and ongoing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme, *'50 Years of Deadly'*, recognises a significant milestone, commemorating five decades of NAIDOC Week. It is both a celebration and a call to reflect on our nation's history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people—the world's oldest living cultures, and on the stories, strength, knowledge, and leadership of past and present Elders and communities.

'50 Years of Deadly' acknowledges the enduring voices and leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - their advocacy, cultural knowledge, deep connection to Country, and the strength that has carried generations forward. It also recognises the progress that has been achieved through the courage of those who refused to be silenced.

As we mark this milestone, we honour the past, recognise the present, and work towards an equitable future, reaffirming our commitment to listening, learning, and walking forward together.

For 50 years, NAIDOC Week has been a platform for truth-telling, cultural celebration, advocacy and change. It is an opportunity to reflect on the Elders, community leaders, activists and trailblazers who paved the way, often in the face of significant challenges, and whose efforts continue to shape a stronger future for generations to come.

NAIDOC Week also invites us to look to the future. It is a chance to celebrate the next generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, the strengthening of culture and language, and the continued pursuit of better outcomes for communities.

At Metro North Health, we are committed to creating a health system that is inclusive of and responsive to the health priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,

supporting equitable access, improved outcomes, and culturally safe care. This requires us to walk alongside communities, ensuring our services are shaped by and reflect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices, perspectives, and lived experiences.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes and life expectancy remain unacceptably disproportionate compared to non-Indigenous peoples, underscoring the need for sustained action, strong partnerships, and continued investment to achieve health equity.

As we celebrate NAIDOC this week, we encourage staff to participate in the events and activities taking place across our hospital and health services and the broader community. Take time to learn, reflect and celebrate alongside our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues, patients, consumers and communities.

Below is a list of some local NAIDOC Week events and activities:

Metro North Health

- **Caboolture Hospital NAIDOC Event**
Main Foyer Courtyard
Tuesday 7 July, 10am-12pm
- **RBWH NAIDOC Week Markets and Food Trucks**
RBWH Education Centre
Tuesday 7 July, 10am – 2pm
- **STARS NAIDOC Event**
Lady Lamington Lawn (Level 3 - top of Spanish Stairs)
Wednesday 8 July, 10am-12pm

Community

- **Caboolture NAIDOC Raise the Flag**
Caboolture Town Square
Friday 3 July, 8am-5pm
- **Northside NAIDOC Family Fun Day**
421 Beams Road, Taigum
Thursday 9 July, 10am-3pm
- **Musgrave Park NAIDOC Family Fun Day**
Musgrave Park, 91 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane
Friday 10 July, 9am – 5pm
- **Redcliffe NAIDOC on the Hill**
440 Oxley Ave, Redcliffe
Saturday 18 July, 10am-3pm

Regards,
Nick and Sherry

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



Metro North Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which we live, work and walk, and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

Metro North Health's vision

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



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