

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

- Farewell and thank you, Barry!
- Congratulations ELP Graduates
- Next step in our ieMR journey
- Praise for our ETC team
- NAIDOC Week at RBWH.

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear team

RBWH marked the end of an era this week as we farewelled Dr Barry O'Loughlin, Executive Director of Surgery and Perioperative Services, after a remarkable association that began when he joined the hospital as a Resident in 1976.

While Barry's career took him to the UK for a period in the early 1980s, he returned home to RBWH as a Staff Specialist before becoming Director of Surgery (1994) and Executive Director (2006), a role he has held for the past 20 years.

Reflecting the deep respect Barry has earned across decades of service, Queensland Health Director-General Dr David Rosengren joined Metro North Board members, senior executives, and staff from across RBWH to honour his extraordinary career and wish Barry and his wife, Anna, well for the future.

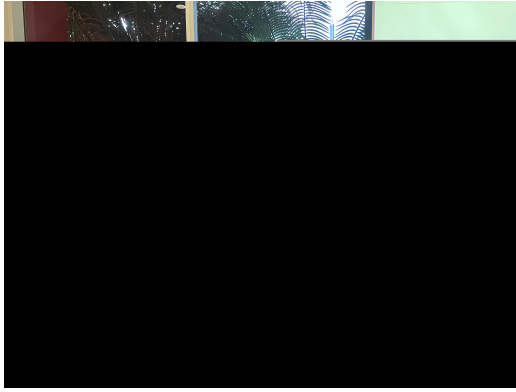
At his farewell event, speakers highlighted Barry's respectful, inclusive leadership and his unwavering commitment to mentoring and supporting his teams. Roslyn Boland, Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, shared heartfelt reflections on his dedication to improving health outcomes for this community. Long-time colleague Kaylene Woollett spoke of Barry's compassion, integrity, and steadfast commitment to patients and staff.

During my time at Metro North, across Redcliffe and RBWH, Barry has been a trusted source of wisdom and clarity, always able to identify what truly mattered and constructively guide us through complex challenges.

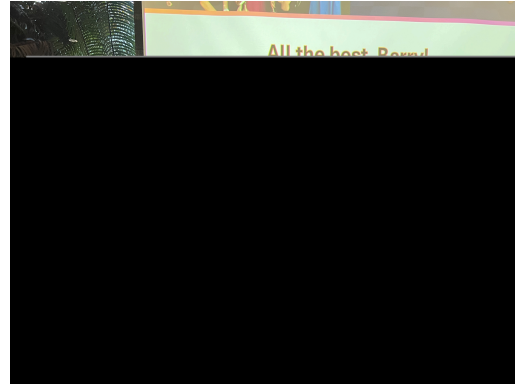
Barry's influence extends well beyond the hospital. His contributions to medicine and health leadership have been recognised through an Australia Day Medal (2006) and appointment to the Order of Australia (2021).

These honours reflect what we all know: Barry's impact has been profound and

enduring. He leaves with our deepest gratitude and as one of the greats in the rich history of RBWH.



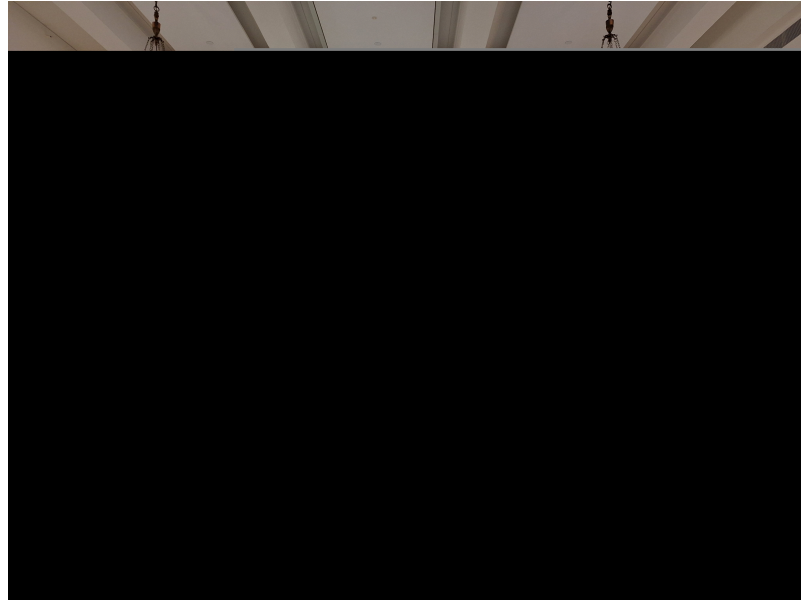
Roslyn Boland presenting Barry with a farewell gift of an artwork by Freda Price-Pitjara.



Barry and his wife Anna ready to embark on their next chapter.

Congratulations to our ELP graduates

The latest Metro North Executive Leadership Program cohort graduated recently during a ceremony at Brisbane City Hall. Among the group were RBWH's Carla Scuderi, Gareth Davies, Laura Wagner, Roslyn Boland and Toni Broadbent. Throughout the program, participants took part in practical, collaborative learning experiences to enhance their leadership capabilities. At the graduation event, the group had the opportunity to present the innovative projects they had been working on during the program to executives, with a view to some being progressed further. Congratulations to Carla, Gareth, Laura, Roslyn, Toni and all participants. Expressions of interest for the next cohort are now open. Email MNTraining@health.qld.gov.au to learn more and register your interest.



RBWH staff were among those who recently graduated from the Metro North Executive Leadership Program.

Introducing ieMR Practice Activities

As we enter the second half of 2026, it's now a little over three months until ieMR arrives at RBWH, and I am pleased to share that almost 40 per cent of staff are now ieMR proficient.

As we prepare, the next step in our ieMR journey is now available and allows staff to complete online Practice Activities. Using a 'sandpit' version of ieMR, the

role-specific activities are an opportunity to reinforce what you've learnt and build confidence in ieMR. Click the image below to learn more and get started.

Please email the [ieMR team](#) if you have issues using the sandpit and remember to check [QHEPS](#) for regular updates as we approach go-live on 13 October.



Complete ieMR Practice Activities

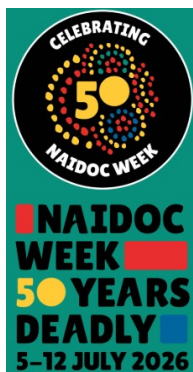
Now available - build on what you've learned in training with self-directed, role-specific online ieMR Practice Activities.

[Click here](#)

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Praise for our ETC team

We love hearing when members of the community appreciate the care they received at RBWH. Recently, author John Birmingham shared an account of the care his mum received in our Emergency and Trauma Centre. He described the multidisciplinary team from all corners of the globe as working with "a focus, a rigour and a precision that was humbling to witness." He was also very impressed with the security staff on duty. Thanks to the entire team for the exemplary work you do caring for our community every day!



NAIDOC Week at RBWH

Sunday marks the start of NAIDOC Week in 2026. This year's theme is '50 Years of Deadly,' celebrating the Elders, organisations and communities who have sustained the movement and shaped strong, resilient First Nations communities over the last half-century. At RBWH, we'll be hosting the NAIDOC Markets on Tuesday, featuring products from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists at the front of the Education Centre, with food trucks also available.

Team Royal serves the winter warmth

The days are short, and the weather is cool, which made yesterday's annual Winter Warmer just the recipe for a good day at work. Featuring soup, a bread roll and a sweet treat, the event was also a great opportunity for teams to come together amid the busyness of the working week. Thanks to Team Royal for organising the event and to the sponsors, our RBWH Foundation and



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Thank you all for everything you do for our community.

Kind Regards

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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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