

Executive Director The Prince Charles Hospital

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Summary:

- Farewell Cherie, John and Kim
- Planned high voltage power shut down
- Welcome Alana Delaforce
- Celebrating Christmas in July
- Step up for The Common Good

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Team,

We have many staff at TPCH who have provided great patient care over many years and now moving on to their next stage of their life.

This week, we came together to celebrate the great careers of Cherie Franks, John Deeth and Kim Gourlay. Thank you for your kindness, compassion and leadership over many years.

Thank you for everything, Cherie

Cherie Franks started her career at TPCH in June 1998, beginning in Ward 4A, the Thoracic Ward, under the leadership of NUM Lorraine Adams.

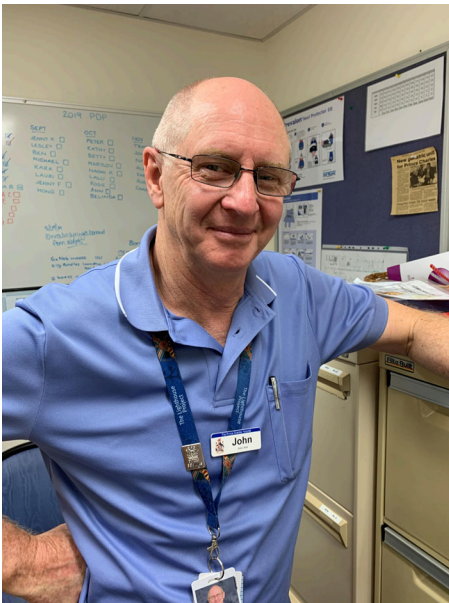
Throughout her career, Cherie has been a passionate advocate for the nursing profession, always placing patients at the centre of care while recognising the critical role of multidisciplinary teams in achieving the best possible outcomes.



As Director of Nursing, she led a formidable nursing workforce through many changes and challenges, consistently demonstrating exceptional professionalism, integrity and compassion.

Cherie now leaves TPCH to embark on an exciting new chapter with the opportunity to spend more time with her family and pursue new interests.

Cherie's contribution to both the nursing profession and TPCH has been significant and enduring. She will be greatly missed by colleagues, staff, and the many people whose lives she has touched throughout her career.



John celebrates 40 years of nursing

This week, we're also farewelling RAS NUM John Deeth (left) after 40 years of nursing with Queensland Health, mostly at TPCH.

Throughout his career, John has always been willing to step into new challenges and broader leadership roles. He undertook higher duties as Nursing Director for Geriatrics, Surgery and Internal Medicine Services, demonstrating versatility, sound judgement and an ability to lead across diverse clinical areas.

The creation and development of the RAS team stands among John's proudest achievements and has had a lasting impact on both patients and staff.

John, thank you for your 40 years of outstanding service, your leadership, your passion and your humour. Congratulations on an exceptional career and best wishes for your future.

Farewell Kim Gourlay

We also bid farewell to Simulation Coordinator Kim Gourlay.

Kim has been the friendly face behind the development, delivery and evaluation of so many simulation activities for our nursing, medical and allied health staff. He's also organised many of our hard-fought CPR Challenges for Charlies Week.



Earlier this week, the Nursing Workforce and Education team hosted a farewell event. All the best in your retirement, Kim.

Executive Update

Dr Luis Prado will continue to work at TPOCH until January 2027.

During this time, he will be covering the Director of Medical Services at different times and Medical Director of Gastroenterology.

Planned Code Yellow | Buildings 10, 15 and 25 on generator power tomorrow

A reminder that TPOCH will move to a planned Code Yellow tomorrow morning.

This is for the planned high voltage power remediation works from 6.30am to 6.30pm. These works will impact buildings 10, 15, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27.

Buildings 10, 15 and 25 will swap to generator power before returning to mains power. Buildings 22, 23, 26 and 27 will not have generator back-up.

More details are available on the [TPCH Downtime Notification Hub](#) Microsoft Teams page under the 'shared' tab.

Welcoming our Associate Professor Nursing with ACU

Associate Professor Alana Delaforce recently started as Director of the Nursing Practice and Research Development Centre, a partnership between TPOCH and Australian Catholic University (ACU).



Alana brings extensive experience in developing research opportunities that are responsive to the needs of patients, families, and staff. She has a strong track record of securing nationally competitive research funding and is widely recognised for her expertise in Implementation Science.

She welcomes opportunities to connect with staff across all career stages who are interested in postgraduate research, clinical practice development, or seeking support with ethics submissions and grant applications.

Room service celebrates Christmas in July

TPCH celebrated Christmas In July with patients able to order a festive treat Room Service meal for lunch or dinner. Options included baked ham, roast potato, steamed vegetables and gravy. Dessert was a plum pudding with custard.

The meal was popular with patients who were excited to try the special menu item. Stay tuned for an Ekka Day special next month!



Wanted: stronger team innovators

Workplace culture continues to be a priority—our culture impacts how decisions are made, how people work together, how leaders respond to issues raised, and whether staff feel safe and supported to speak up and solve problems locally.

The three focus areas as part of the [Our Metro North – Stronger Teams, Better Care](#) work are:

- Clearer local decision-making
- Visible leadership
- Reducing friction

The Helix Hub is looking for teams who have a local challenge they need support to solve. No matter how small the problem, express your interest to be one of the teams selected to test practical solutions with support from HELIX Hub and our Organisational Culture team.

You don't need to find more time; the support team will work with you and your existing rhythms to troubleshoot solutions. [Express your interest](#).

Step Up for The Common Good

Registrations are now open for the 2026 Transurban Bridge to Brisbane on Sunday 13 September.

When you choose The Common Good as your charity of choice, you'll help fund life-changing medical research, vital equipment and enhanced patient-care initiatives that support patients and families at TPCH and Caboolture Hospital.



It's a great opportunity to come together outside of work, enjoy one of Queensland's iconic community events. I hope to see many of you there! Register [here](#).

Doctors remind kids to play safe this winter

The TPCH Emergency Department has already seen a high number of children and adults for

sports-related injuries, particularly from contact sports played during the cooler months.

Staff Specialist Dr Faye Jordan said some the most common injuries seen from winter sports include musculoskeletal injuries like ankle sprains, strains and concussion.

Read more on the [Metro North Facebook page](#).



NAIDOC Week trivia contest extended

The NAIDOC Week trivia contest has been extended to next Friday (24 July). Enter [here](#).

If you have already submitted an entry, [email Beck](#) to confirm your contact information.

Kind regards,

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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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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