

Executive Director Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford Clinical Directorate

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Summary:

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- Coffee with the council launches
- QHRefer Update
- Jersey Day coming up
- Pet of the Week

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Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

My thoughts are with the people and communities in Colombia affected by the recent earthquake and its impacts.

For those who are in a position to do so, I encourage you to consider donating to a reputable relief organisation supporting communities affected by the disaster. Every contribution, no matter how small, can help provide essential support to those who need it most.

A big thank you to the dedicated staff who gave their time on Tuesday evening to support the 2026 Census and ensure our patients had the opportunity to participate.

Taking part in the Census is important, and I really appreciate the extra effort from our teams to make sure our patients were supported to complete their forms while in our care.

Thank you for going above and beyond to make sure our patients had the opportunity to have their voice counted.

Today, we welcome Naomi Hebson Acting Metro North Chief Executive to Caboolture for a brief site tour of our Emergency Department and Maternity Services. I am looking forward to meeting with Naomi.

Executive Update

Our Director of Finance Brett Parnell is retiring on 18 September 2026.

After an outstanding 33-year career in the public service, Brett leaves behind a legacy of commitment, professionalism and service. Over the past 13 years, he has led the Finance team at CKW with integrity, expertise, and dedication, providing strategic and financial leadership to the organisation.

Please join me in thanking Brett for his many years of dedicated service and wishing him well in his retirement.

Coffee with the Council

This week, the CKW Clinical Council launched Coffee with the Council, a new monthly initiative held on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10.00–10.30am in the Caboolture Hospital Main Foyer.

Staff were encouraged to drop in, enjoy a complimentary coffee in exchange for their ideas, feedback and suggestions in a welcoming and supportive environment. Thanks to Dr Lisa Kane and Kyarni Hewett for hosting the first session.

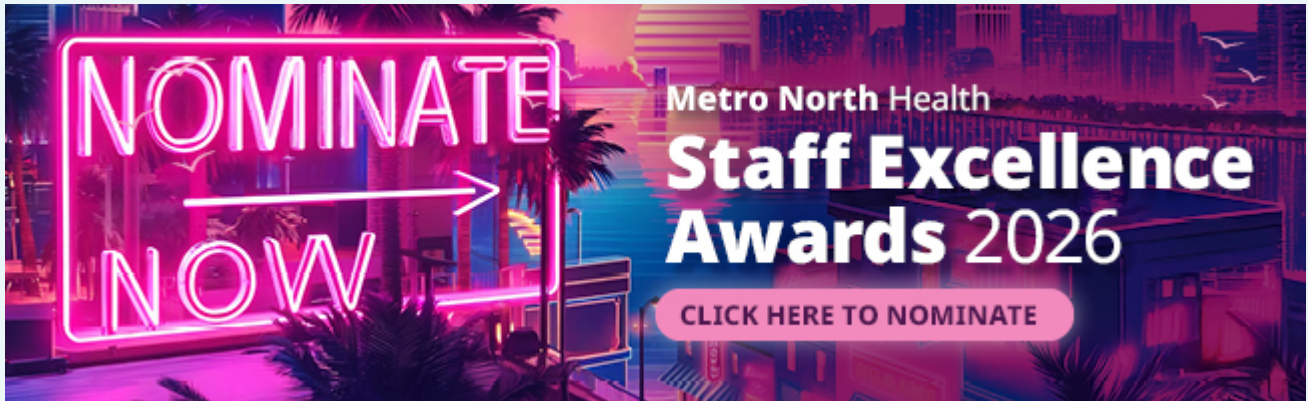


QHRefer update

All draft referrals generated on QHRefer will now be automatically deleted from the system five calendar days after they are first generated unless they are submitted, accepted or closed within this timeframe.

Interaction with the document (for example, updating a draft without submission) will not reset the five-day timer. Draft referrals generated prior to 7 August will not be deleted from the system automatically.

Clinicians are encouraged to complete referrals in a timely manner and ensure that all drafts sitting in their personal QHRefer accounts are finalised.



Jersey Day - Friday 4 September

Get involved in Jersey Day on Friday 4 September by wearing your favourite jersey and helping raise awareness through this free community initiative.

Staff are also encouraged to get involved at home, school or work. If you'd like to organise an activity or find out more, visit the Jersey Day [website](#).

For anyone wanting to get a team photo, or to borrow the Jersey Day banner for a school event, Barbara Williams has the banner in her office and would be happy to help. You can contact her [here](#).



Metro North 26/27 Operational Plan Available

The Metro North 2026/27 Operational Plan is now available.

The plan has detailed information that helps us deliver the priorities outlined in the Metro North Strategic Plan, as well as other associated plans and strategies.

The plan is [available on QHEPS](#).

Next Metro North Senior Executive Team Forum

Join Acting Chief Executive Naomi Hebson and the Metro North Senior Executive Team to hear updates, ask questions and provide feedback.



The next SET Forum will be held on Thursday 3 September from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Caboolture Hospital Auditorium and on Teams.

You can [join on Teams](#) and [ask a question](#) beforehand.

August What's On

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WHAT'S ON

- ★ WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 1-7 AUGUST
- ★ JEANS FOR GENES DAY - 7 AUGUST
- ★ DAFFODIL DAY - 20 AUGUST
- ★ SIDS RED NOSE DAY - 27 AUGUST
- ★ WEAR IT PURPLE DAY - 28 AUGUST

CKW EVENTS

- EKKA PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MON 10 AUG
- ATSI CHILDREN'S DAY - TUESDAY 4 AUG 10AM-12PM
- AUGUST STAFF FORUM - TUES 25 AUG
- WEDNESDAY FOOD TRUCKS FROM 5PM

CKW Pet of the Week

This week's CKW Pet of the Week belongs to Priscilla Keating AIN Operating Theatre.

Name: Beazley

Age: 12 years

Breed: Tabby

We adopted Beazley (Beez, BeeBees, Chimbles) when he was 3 years old. The workers at RSPCA told us he was 'a little bit bitey' and they weren't wrong.



Thankfully he settled in nicely and only bites playfully now.

Hobbies: going for a walk on his lead, lounging in the sun, rolling in ants, playing with string.

Dislikes: getting wet, being harassed by the willie wagtails while lounging outside.

We couldn't imagine our lives without Beazley.

We are chasing more pets! To have your pet featured, please send a photo and the above details [here](#).

Quote of the day

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

— Mary Anne Radmacher

Kind Regards

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Metro North Health   



We uphold our commitment to health equity through our Values in Action
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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