

Executive Director Caboolture, Kilcoy and Woodford Clinical Directorate

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Summary:

- Visits to Caboolture Satellite Health Centre (CSHC) and Cancer Centre Moreton Bay
- Healthy Equity Engagement Forum
- Mental Health ICU refurbishment
- Upcoming SET Forum
- School-Based Trainee Award recipients
- Culture Connection
- Wear it Purple Day
- Pets of the Week

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 5+ min



For: Information

Dear CKW team,

This week I've enjoyed meeting more of the CKW team, including staff at the Caboolture Satellite Health Centre (Kabul). The Minor Injury and Illness Unit cares for approximately 70 to 80 patients each day, providing timely and accessible healthcare.

The nursing team spoke about how they are continuing to advance their skills and expand their scope of practice, undertaking suturing and progressing towards nurse-initiated X-rays.

The Caboolture Satellite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service provide culturally safe and supportive care while strengthening our relationships within the community.

Over the past month, the CSHC team has come together to support Jeans for Genes Day through a Bake Sale and All Staff BBQ, raising an impressive \$923 for this important cause (*photo right*).

CSHC's ongoing work ensures they are well positioned to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our growing community. A huge thank you to the team at Kabul for giving me a tour and showing what a great facility it is!





On Monday I visited the Cancer Care Moreton Bay facility ahead of its official opening. Located just across the road from Caboolture Hospital, it was fantastic to see firsthand what will be an incredible asset for our community.

Walking through the facility, I was struck by the quality of the space and the genuine focus on ensuring patients can access comprehensive cancer care closer to home. For many people facing a cancer diagnosis, reducing the need to travel long distances for treatment can make a significant difference, not only for patients but also for their families and support networks.

Patients will now have access to bulk-billed radiotherapy alongside a range of integrated services, including:

- Specialist consulting suites
- Radiation oncology
- Haematology and medical oncology
- Pharmacy and radiology services
- Pathology services
- Access to cancer research and clinical trials



Cancer Care Moreton Bay represents a significant step forward for healthcare in our region. Bringing these services together under one roof will improve accessibility, provide greater convenience, and help ensure patients receive timely, high-quality care close to where they live.

A huge thank you to the team for taking the time to show me around and share their vision for the service. It is clear that an enormous amount of work, planning, and passion has gone into creating a facility that will make a real difference to the lives of people across Moreton Bay and beyond. I look forward to seeing the positive impact it has on our community for many years to come. 🌟 📺 💙

Healthy Equity Engagement Forum

On Thursday, I attended the Health Equity Engagement Forum, Connecting the Journey: Growing Strong Kids, at Morayfield. A joint initiative between Metro North and Children's Health Queensland, the forum focused on gaining feedback and insights from families and key stakeholders on how we can improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. The forum provided an opportunity for me to sit with elders, have a yarn,

and ultimately further challenge our collective contribution towards health equity for our youth.



Mental Health ICU refurbishment

Yesterday, our Mental Health Intensive Care Unit opened to consumers. The refurbished space includes a larger administration area to service both Mental Health Ward 1 and the Intensive Care Unit, as well as safety improvements to consumer bedrooms and bathrooms that comply with current Models of Care.

I think you'll agree from the photos below, the refurbished space provides a welcoming and calming environment for consumers.



Metro North Senior Executive Team Forum at Caboolture

A reminder of next week's SET forum on **Thursday 3 September, 11.30am-12.30pm**. This is an opportunity for staff to join Acting Chief Executive Naomi Hebson and the Metro North Senior Executive Team to hear updates, ask questions and provide feedback.



You can submit questions using the link below or ask on the day.

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

School-Based Trainee Awards

A few weeks ago we featured Harmony Lakatos, winner of the School-Based Apprentice of the Year award at the Queensland School-Based Trainee Awards (North Coast Region). I would also like to congratulate Genieve Jimmy who was a finalist in this category and Taylah Gela who took out the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award.

These students are part of the School- Based Traineeship Program run by Kylie Forward.

"It was such an honour to see these three stand on stage and represent our program and facility so professionally and confidently. These programs and achievements not only help to shape their future but are a testament to the training, guidance and care that Caboolture Hospital staff and trainers put into these students to help them develop and grow as future professionals and young people."



A huge congratulations to the students and we wish Taylah and Harmony the best of luck at the State Awards on 19 September.

CKW Staff Forum Award Winners

Another huge thank you to all staff who attended the CKW Staff Forum on Tuesday. Whilst this was my first Staff Forum, I was extremely pleased with the level of engagement and the opportunity to discuss a range of important topics impacting our directorate. I sincerely appreciate everyone taking the time to attend, contribute to discussions, and engage with updates and local processes.

A special congratulations to our award recipients. Thank you for your outstanding contributions, dedication, and commitment to supporting our patients, colleagues, and services. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

Integrity – Evangaline Davies (Ward 4D)

Compassion – Anthony Curtis (Kilcoy)

High Performance – Stella Snape-Jenkinson

Respect – Joyita Bhattacharaya (Geriatrician)

Team Work – Michael Blood (Pharmacy)

Wear it Purple Day

Today we recognise Wear it Purple Day at CKW, an event which celebrates the diverse identities and everyday bravery of LGBTQIA+ young people, communities and allies. Originating in Australia in 2010, Wear it Purple Day now takes place across thousands of schools, workplaces and community groups, helping create safer and more inclusive environments for LGBTQIA+ young people across Australia.

This morning, I joined staff at the colourful and informative display and it was wonderful to see

so many staff wearing purple in support of the day. If you haven't had the opportunity to check this out, make sure you make a trip by the orange lifts to show your support.



Culture and connection

This week I'm introducing a regular segment to help us learn from one another and celebrate our diverse community here at CKW. To start, Cultural Capability Officer Juanita Adam is introducing us to the concept of seasonal calendars. Unlike the four seasons of Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can recognise anywhere up to 13 seasonal changes!

"These seasonal changes will guide cultural meanings, respect for country, when to hunt, gather, perform ceremonies, rituals, travel, rest and care for country, land and waters."

"For the Kabi Kabi people, there are six seasons. In August and September it is time to hunt taylor fish, echidna, saltwater turtles, dugong and other animals. These practices have sustained Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through thousands of years and kept everyone fed, happy and healthy."

For more information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander seasons you can visit the [BOM website](#), including seasonal calendars for different communities across Australia.

If you have something from your culture that you would like to share in a future message please email executive_director_cab-kilcoy@health.qld.gov.au.



'Question of the Week' winners

Last week, I kicked off a new initiative and challenged the directorate with a **Question of the Week** - "Do you know what POST stands for and why it is so important?"

Congratulations to Brenda Wallace, Risk and Compliance Officer, and Petrina Lewis, Allied Health

Workforce Development Officer, who were the first to correctly answer the question. Both received a personal visit and a coffee voucher for The Common Good as a well-deserved reward.

For those who may not know, POST stands for Patient Off-Stretcher Time. It measures the time taken to transfer a patient from an ambulance stretcher into the care of the Emergency Department. POST is an important indicator as it provides valuable insight into the efficiency and capacity of both ambulance services and hospital emergency departments, helping to support timely patient care and system flow.

Keep an eye out for more fun games and challenges in my newsletters moving forward. If you're the first to submit the correct answer to the Question of the Week, I'll personally stop by with a prize. It's a great opportunity to test your knowledge, learn something new, and enjoy a bit of friendly competition along the way.



September What's On

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WHAT'S ON

- ★ PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS WEEK
- ★ WORLD ALZHEIMER'S MONTH
- ★ CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 6-12 SEPT
- ★ WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY 10 SEPT
- ★ RU OK? DAY 10 SEPT
- ★ WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY 17 SEPT
- ★ DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK 21-27 SEPT
- ★ WORLD HEART DAY 29 SEPT

CKW EVENTS

- CKW SET FORUM 3 SEPT
- CKW STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS 16 SEPT
- GRAND ROUNDS RU OK DAY? 10 SEPT
- FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

CKW Pets of the Week

This week's Pets of the Week belong to Jessica Haley, Executive Support Officer to the Director of Medical Services - Executive Office.

Name: Dougie on Left (3) and Lottie (6) on right

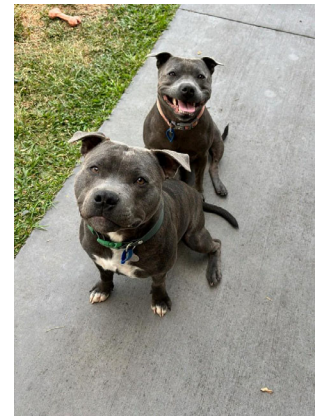
Breed: English Staffies

About Us: Lottie is the smart, intelligent beautiful older sister, and Dougie is the silly, naughty, cheeky younger sibling who Lottie thinks is a pest!

Likes: Lottie loves people and cuddles and Dougie likes food! Including his favourite treat, Worm tablets!

Dislikes: Lottie dislikes having a bath much to her mums dismay, Dougie dislikes being away from his big sister Lottie!

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



Quote of the day

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.
—John Ruskin

Kind Regards

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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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