

Metro North Health

Message from the

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Summary:

- COH Staff Excellence Awards nominations
- Brighton 80th Facts - Interim Care turns 10!

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 5 min



For: Information

Dear Team

I am very pleased to announce the nominees for the 2026 Community and Oral Health Staff Excellence Awards.

This year, there has been quite a few deserving nominations, with 144 staff and 20 teams in the mix for the awards!

Thank you to all the thoughtful and considerate individuals who took the time to nominate your colleagues.

Congratulations to all of our nominees!



Excellence in Performance

- Angela Walklin, Acting Facility Manager, Metro North Oral Health Services
- Simone Cleary, Service Support Officer, Metro North Oral Health Services
- Cassia Davis, Senior Data Administration Officer, Central Patient Intake Unit
- Robert Schelberger, Allied Health Assistant, Complex Chronic Disease Team
- Dr Jay (Jayaprasad) Palanyandi, Dentist, Caboolture Satellite Dental Clinic
- Amanda Jarrett, Facility Manager, Nundah Halwyn
- Lina Hunter, Operations Manager, School Dental Service
- Kristie Wiesner, Nurse Navigator, Patient Access and Flow, RAN
- Rapid Clinician team, HAART, Bribie Satellite Health Centre
- Lynda Conlon, Clinical Nurse, Community Transition Care Program
- Early Career Dental Practitioner Program, Metro North Oral Health Services
- Dr Pallavi Bansal, Clinical Director, Rehabilitation

- Healthy Ageing Assessment and Rehabilitation Team (HAART) Kallangur
- Stephen Clarke, Principal Project Officer, Clinical Operations
- Sarah Scott, Business Practice Improvement Officer, Clinical Operations
- Rebecca Moore, Manager Clinical Operations Service Planning
- Matt Smith, Manager, Building, Engineering and Maintenance, COH

Improving First Nations Health

- Justin Roby, Cultural Capability Officer, COH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (3 nominations)
- School Dental Service Deadly Smiles
- Rebecca Hayes, Service Development Officer, Innovation and Research Team
- Metro North School Dental Service, Deadly Smiles

Excellence in Leadership

- Natasha Eaton, Nurse Educator, Education
- Michael Bishop, Nursing Director, Extended Care
- Michelle Kane, Nursing Director, Safety and Quality
- Nadia Wallace, Administration Officer, Stafford Dental Clinic
- Karen Lush, Nursing Director, Education
- Erin James, Team Leader, Complex Chronic Disease Team
- Pascale Goldberg, Allied Health Team Leader, HAART, Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre
- Joshua Tussler, Advanced Physiotherapist, Hospital in the Home
- Simon Freestone, Assistant Director of Allied Health, Hospital in the Home (2 Nominations)
- Karen Rosenthal, Clinical Lead, ACAT
- Maddison Goodwin, Director of Occupational Therapy, COH
- Mary Wheeldon, Director, Innovation and Research Centre, COH
- Dr Padmini Menon, Acting Director, Community Palliative Care Service
- Andrea Keating, Nurse Practitioner, Hospital in the Home, APACHE
- Morgan-Lee Haack, Acting Allied Health Team Leader, GEM Hospital in the Home
- Peter Lawrenson, HP Advanced, Innovation and Research Centre

People Focus

- Asha Thomas, Administration Officer, Stafford Dental Clinic
- Kathleen Ryan, Nurse Navigator, Norfolk Island Support Program (2 Nominations)
- School Dental Service, Metro North Oral Health Service (2 Nominations)
- School Dental Service Fluoride Varnish Program, Metro North Oral Health Service (4 Nominations)
- Anna Tuakoi, Executive Support Officer, Innovation and Research Centre
- Thida Som, Senior Finance officer, COH Finance
- Terrance Wong, New Graduate Social worker, Residential Transition Care Program
- Samantha Creed, Clinical Nurse, Stafford Dental Clinic
- Vulnerable Peoples Oral Health Program - General Practice Oral Health Services, Metro North Oral Health Service
- Dr Bill Lukin, Medical Lead, Comfort Care Bundle for the Frail
- Bribie Island HAART, Bribie Island Community Health Centre
- Elizabeth Milner, Senior Occupational Therapist, Interim Care
- Amanda Barnett, Senior Dietitian, Halwyn Centre
- Izack Crowe, Allied Health Assistant, Interim Care

Supporting Excellence in Care

- Caboolture Satellite oral health clinicians
- Leanne Hepnar, Allied Health Educator, Education
- Elizabeth Ferriday, Administration Officer, Community Based Rehabilitation Team

- Alicia Benson, Amanda Loughheed and Doreen Beeston, Administration Officer Team, Post Acute Care Service (Caboolture)
- Sarah-Jane Manley, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Ebbside House
- Post Acute Care Administration Team Caboolture, North Lakes, NorthWest and Chermside
- David Fu, Special Needs Dental Specialist, Metro North Oral Health
- Zara Mansell, Occupational Therapist, HAART
- Dr Michael Du Plessis, Medical Education Registrar, COH
- Tanya Maroney, Acting Clinical Nurse Consultant, Patient Flow, Extended Care
- Stephen Clarke, Principal Project Officer, Clinical Operations
- Shella Pecimo, Social Worker, Hospital in the Home and Aged Care

Excellence in Innovation, Research and Clinical Improvement

- Cilna George, Clinical Psychologist, Brighton Rehabilitation Unit
- Kate Jakeman, Assistant Nursing Director, Workforce and Innovation
- The Intern Program, Innovation and Research Centre
- Nelson McClanachan, Director, Physiotherapy
- Elizabeth (Libby) Chan, Senior Physiotherapist, HAART
- Leanne Hepnar, Allied Health Educator, Education
- Kristen Temple, Occupational Therapy, Hospital in the Home
- Dr Nicole Stormon, Principal Research Fellow, Innovation and Research Centre
- Cilna George, Clinical Psychologist Brighton Rehabilitation Unit
- Karla Leoncini, Senior Dietitian, Hospital in The Home
- Dr Julian De Looze, Clinical Director, Hospital in The Home
- Hannah Findsen, Physiotherapist, Community Transition Care Program
- One Front Door - Sarah Scott, Jessica Linnan, Jessica Nolan, Emily Merton and Mary Wheeldon

Culture and Wellbeing Award

- Kara Johnson, Clinic Nurse Consultant, Hospital in the Home
- Residential Transition Care Program Team
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Team
- Karly Missenden, Principal Finance Officer, COH Finance
- Elyshia Gray, Senior Medical Officer, Brighton GEM Service
- Louise Lynch, Director, Social Work
- Green Zone Team School Dental Service
- Dr Katie Tran, Director, Metro North Oral Health Service
- GPOHS Leadership Executive Leadership team
- Community Transition Care Program
- Mary Jacobsen, Acting Medical Appointments Officer, COH

Values in Action

- Leanne Wainright, Clinical Nurse, Central Patient Intake Unit
- Ted Qian, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Safety and Quality
- Brighton Psychology Team
- Amelia Grimmer, Senior Occupational Therapist, Halwyn Centre
- Shandel Thomas-Clark, Acting Principal Dental Assistant, School Dental Service
- Andrew French, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Diabetes
- Shandel Thomas-Clark, Acting Principal Dental Assistant, School Dental Service
- Michelle Reynolds, Memory Chitagu and Larishna Ramasamy, Current Advanced Oral Health Therapist Team, School Dental Service
- Kayleen Smith, Dental Therapist, School Dental Service
- Grace Vinson, Occupational Therapist, Brighton GEM
- Sabrina Pizzica, Physiotherapist, Community Based Rehabilitation Team

- Green Zone Clinical Assistants, Metro North Oral Health Service
- Tracey Lea, Senior Administration Officer, Facility Services
- Daniel Hall, Administration Officer, Patient Access
- Amy Durham, Medical Education Coordinator, Education
- Golda Remero, Social Worker, Hospital in the Home

COH Connecting Care Champions

In addition, to the 55 nominations for the COH Connecting Care Champion Award throughout the year, the following staff were also nominated.

- Janice Morgan, Social Work Complex Care Coordinator, COH Social Work
- Joel Dayanan, Patient Support Officer, Patient Services
- Matt Smith, Manager, Building, Engineering and Maintenance Services.

It is clear, that our judges have their work in front of them choosing winners from all these great nominations.

Please keep an eye out for the awards presentations which will be held at the various locations across the directorate.

Thank you for nominating!



**CELEBRATING
80 YEARS BRIGHTON
HEALTH CAMPUS**

Thursday 1 October 2026
10:00 – 11:30am at Brighton
Health Campus (Auditorium)
All current and former staff and
volunteers are welcome

EMAIL YOUR INTEREST

Brighton 80th Facts - Interim Care turns 10!

Leading into the 80th celebrations at Brighton this year we had the opportunity to celebrate with staff and patients 10 years of exceptional care being delivered by Interim Care.

Since its inception as a 12-bed trial service at Zillmere in 2016 the Interim Care service has grown significantly from 12 to 28, 32, 42 and now, 62 beds located across Ebbside and Dolphin House.

Interim care joined Brighton Health Campus in 2018, and has supported over 4,000 elderly patients move on to nursing home following a hospital stay.

The success of this service is a great reflection of the hard and compassionate work and dedication of past and present staff including Paul and Shareen (pictured right).



Paul and Shareen are a small handful of staff who have remained at Interim Care since it opened.



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Executive Director

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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