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Summary:

- National Day of Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners
- Celebrating a health workforce milestone
- Research Excellence Award success for Redcliffe
- Redcliffe Hospital Staff Excellence Awards - nominations close next week

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Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear colleagues,

As we mark the National Day of Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners today, I'd like to share the story of a patient I spent time with this week: Aunty Maureen.

Aunty Maureen, pictured here with Uncle Jack and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hospital Liaison Officer Mellissa Malley, was one of the first Aboriginal Health Workers in south-east Queensland. She began her career in health at the age of 36 and went on to dedicate many years to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Throughout her career, Aunty Maureen worked across health services and travelled between facilities, alongside Indigenous Hospital Liaison Officers, to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients during their hospital stays.



It was a privilege to hear Aunty Maureen share her inspiring journey. Her stories reflect the dedication, resilience and commitment of the pioneering Aboriginal Health Workers who laid the foundations for the services we rely on today.

Celebrating health workforce milestone

We began the week by celebrating a major milestone for the Queensland Health workforce alongside the Queensland Premier and Health Minister.

You can read more about Queensland Health's workforce growth of more than 10,000 staff on the [Queensland Health news page](#).

Thank you to everyone who took part in the celebration, including allied health, nursing and midwifery graduates, medical interns, and new security and operational staff, who are pictured here.



It was wonderful to see so many members of our workforce represented on the day.

A special thank you Celeste Gram, who spoke passionately to the Premier and the news media about her new career in healthcare and her role as a Healthcare Ambassador.

Research at Redcliffe recognised

Redcliffe's reputation for research has been recognised at Metro North's Research Excellence Awards, with Redcliffe teams receiving two major awards.

The Redcliffe Intensive Care Unit Research Program received the Clinical Research Program Award in recognition of its work and research outputs across critical care infection, ICU survivorship and patient-centred outcomes.

Over 2024–25, the team contributed to more than 30 peer-reviewed publications, secured multiple competitive grants, and delivered innovations that have been implemented in clinical practice.



Redcliffe Hospital's commitment to consumer engagement was also recognised, with the Partnering with Consumers Award presented to the Supporting Fathers/Partners Project.

This consumer-led, co-designed project included consumer co-investigators at every stage, from design and data collection to sense-making and the national validation of best practice principles for culturally responsive, trauma-informed care.

Congratulations to everyone involved in these projects and programs, which reflect many years of dedicated work and a shared commitment to delivering lasting benefits for

patients.

While talking about research at Redcliffe, a reminder that it's not too late to [submit an expression of interest](#) to present to the Research Symposium next month.



Redcliffe Hospital Expansion update

On Monday, Premier David Crisafulli, Health and Ambulance Services Minister Tim Nicholls, Member for Redcliffe Kerri-Anne Dooley and Member for Pumicestone Ariana Doolan were at Redcliffe Hospital to celebrate an exciting milestone for the Redcliffe Hospital Expansion.

Lendlease was announced as the preferred contractor to deliver the Redcliffe Hospital Expansion.

Key features of the Redcliffe Hospital Expansion include:

- 255 new overnight beds, including 28 in a Transitional Sub-Acute Medical Inpatient Unit (IPU) to be delivered in 2027
- Expanded services, including maternity, endoscopy, and operating theatres
- A fully developed plan that aligns with local clinical priorities
- A design that is focused on staff and patient safety
- Optimised site use to enhance service delivery
- No impact to the Culturally Modified Tree.

On site construction establishment and works on the three-level extension to the existing multi-storey carpark to add more than 530 new parking spaces will begin later this month - with work to be delivered by Richard Crookes Construction - and be completed by the end of 2027.

There will be an increase in construction activity at the hospital over the coming weeks and months, with the expansion of the multi-storey car park and the next stage of the hospital expansion.

qhRefer change

An important change is coming to qhRefer that everyone needs to know about.

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 yesterday 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.

Nominations NOW OPEN!

CLICK HERE to find out more.

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Staff Excellence Awards 2026



Lastly this week, at Clinical Council on Tuesday, one of our consumers remarked that she hoped the Expansion had factored in a good-sized trophy cabinet for all of the awards the hospital had won. and would continue to win at the Research Excellence Awards.

I hope that success continues with the Metro North Staff Excellence Awards later this year. The first step is making sure we have plenty of strong nominations.

Nominations for our Redcliffe Hospital Staff Excellence Awards close next Friday. If you have started a nomination, please be sure to [log back in and click submit](#). If you're still yet to enter nominations, please make time before the deadline of next Friday.

Don't let your team or colleagues miss out on the recognition they deserve.

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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