

Executive Director STARS

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Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Colleagues,

The first month of the new financial year has continued to be a busy one at STARS. Here are a few statistics:

- Procedural - 1,118 patients were seen, which represents a 49.9% increase
- GARS - patients numbers up by 6% and inpatient separation increased by 21%
- Theatre/endoscopy - throughput grew by 5.1% compared to FY25
- Outpatients - we treated 10,407 patients, a 9.6% rise from this time last year
- VECS - 1.7% increase in people contacting the service compared to same period last year
- Oral Health Centre - already ahead of schedule, with 570 occasions of service.

Thank you for all your hard work and remember to look after yourselves during these winter months. The colder weather we have experienced recently tends to bring an increase in respiratory illnesses, so keep up the good hand hygiene and stay home if you are unwell.



Herston Campus

SET Staff Forum

Meet with Chief Executive Nick Steele and members of the Metro North Senior Executive Team

Upcoming Herston SET Staff Forum

Next Thursday 6 August, Herston will host a SET Staff Forum at the RBWH Education Centre from 11.00am -12.00pm. The SET Staff Forum's provide staff with an opportunity to hear from members of the Metro North Senior Executive Team and ask questions. You can attend in person at the Education Centre or [join via the Teams link](#). You can also [submit a question to members of the SET in advance](#).

Metro North Health

Business Case for Change

Thursday 6 August, 3pm

Join Chief Executive Nick Steele to discuss the Metro North Business Case for Change.



Click here to join



Upcoming Metro North Business Case of Change vidcast

There will also be a vidcast on the Business Case for Change held next Thursday 6 August at 3.00pm. Join Chief Executive Nick Steele and Chief People & Culture Officer Lorna Morton for an update.

Due to a functional change with Teams, registration is now needed for these events. Once you have registered, you can use the same link to join the meeting. The 'join' option will activate 15 minutes before the vidcast start time.

You will be able to activate your camera and microphone to ask questions or use the Q&A.

SAVE THE DATE

Surgical Treatment and Rehabilitation Service, Oral Health Centre and VECS

Staff Excellence Awards 2026



STARS, VECS and OHC Staff Excellence Awards

Nominations for our Staff Excellence Awards will be open from **next Wednesday 5 August**. There are five categories this year including:

- Transforming Care
- Performance
- Partnering for Care
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Excellence and Health Improvement
- Values in Action

Please remember when submitting a nomination to include a separate response against each of the selection criteria. Nominations are for achievements that have occurred in the past 12 months.

The nomination process now also allows staff to choose to have their nomination directly submitted for the Metro North level awards too.

The STARS, VECS and OHC Staff Excellence Awards will be held at **10.45am on Monday 12 October 2026** at the Oral Health Centre Auditorium, sponsored by QSuper, part of Australian Retirement Trust.



1-30 September

Register your team [HERE](#)

Every step counts

Join us for

STARS STEPtember!

Prizes for highest step count and best team name | A bonus 100,000 steps for teams with 3 distinct professions.

STEPtember

In September, we will be asking everyone to put on their walking shoes and sign up for the STARS STEPtember challenge. The STARS annual stepping competition encourages everyone to increase their daily activity to improve physical and mental wellbeing and put everyone's competitive side to the test. Last year we collectively walked 54,040 kms - let's see if we can top it this year. There will be prizes for the team with the most steps (averaged across number of team members) and best team name. Get your team together and register your [team name and team captain here](#).

Staff achievements

Congratulations to Tenealle Fasala for recently winning a bronze medal with the women's national water polo team, the Stingers, in the World Aquatics World Cup in Sydney. The Stingers played Russia in the bronze medal match, winning 12 points to nine.

It is wonderful to hear about our staff achievements, both in their careers and in other pursuits outside of work. If you or a colleague have a special achievement you would like to share, email me at stars_execdir@health.qld.gov.au.



RBWH Foundation Ruby Gala Ball

A reminder about the upcoming RBWH Foundation Ruby Gala Ball, taking place on Saturday 29 August, at Brisbane City Hall. The Ruby Gala Ball is an unforgettable evening celebrating the health professionals, partnerships and breakthroughs transforming lives.

Every ticket purchased and every dollar raised supports vital research, innovation and patient care across RBWH, STARS and our Herston partners.

Early bird tickets end today! Secure yours today and help create tomorrow's extraordinary outcomes. To purchase a ticket, [click here](#).

SEQ Health Disaster Readiness Alliance Symposium

Metro North and Jamieson Trauma Institute are hosting the inaugural Southeast Qld Health

This two-day event features keynote addresses from leading authorities and internationally recognised experts in disaster management on day one and a hands-on workshop to translate strategy into practice on day two.

This event is open to clinical and non-clinical health staff. A full-time student rate is available.

When: 24 and 25 September 2026

Where: RBWH Education Centre

Tickets are [on sale now](#).

Patient compliment

This week's patient compliment comes from one of our ophthalmology patients. The impact of having one's sight restored really is immeasurable. Thank you to our ophthalmology team for the work you do.

"On Thursday 16 July, I had my cataract surgery. Today 20 July 2026 I can say that my surgery was a complete success - miracle of life. At 92, I am normal again".

Kind Regards

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STARS



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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