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Message feedback



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Dear Team,

Research plays a vital role in improving health care services for our patients at TPCH.

That's why I was delighted to celebrate our success at last night's annual Metro North Research Excellence Awards:

- *Research Support Award* - TPCH Allied Health Research Collaborative Group (below).



- *Discovery Award* - Microbiome driven solutions in transplant and cell therapy (below).



On Monday, The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation hosted its annual research awards to honour the exceptional researchers and clinicians who have received grant funding in the 25/26 financial year.

The special ceremony acknowledged individuals for their vision and commitment to improving patient outcomes. This year, the Foundation acknowledged 46 recently awarded grants totalling \$2.42M million (below).



Introducing the Grateful Patient Referral Program

Some former patients and families would like to remain connected to the hospital that changed their lives and make their own, personal impact.

That's why, in collaboration with the Foundation, the program is being designed to ensure those conversations are recognised, acknowledged and supported in a way that is ethical, respectful and patient-centred.

The Foundation held a workshop this week to introduce the program. More to come later in the year.

Executive Update

I will be taking leave from Thursday 6 August, returning Monday 7 September.

During this time, Dr Julieanne Graham will be acting Executive Director and Dr Luis Prado will be acting Director of Medical Services.

Amanda Smith is backfilling the Surgical and Critical Care Nursing Director role until Sunday 23 August. During this time, Petra McVey is Emergency and Paediatric Services Nursing Director and Thomas Gilbert is Emergency Nurse Unit Manager.

Rebecca Lee has been appointed as TPCH Director Clinical Health Information Services while Melinda Scott is seconded to the TPCH Director ieMR Project Implementation role.

Donate Life Week reminds us to talk about our donation wishes

The Prince Charles Hospital has a long and proud history of heart and lung transplantation. It is a beautiful gift that donor families give at the time of their greatest grief.

It only takes one minute to register as an organ and tissue donor at donatelife.gov.au or

through Medicare.

At TPCH, we hosted a stand in The Common Good Café for staff and the public to learn more about organ donation and branded coffee cups that encouraged people to register their decision.



Cupcakes were distributed by TPCH Donation Specialist Nurse, Emily Pritchard to staff in key areas of the hospital in honour of their support for donor families and transplant recipients.

Look out for Melanie's story on the [Mamamia](#) website tomorrow.

MRI Safety Week with our Medical Imaging team

It's also MRI Safety Week (27-31 July), which highlights the importance of maintaining a strong culture of safety.

The week reinforces the importance of robust protocols, thorough patient assessments, staff training and clear communication to ensure the highest safety standards.

Thanks to the TPCH Medical Imaging team for your ongoing commitment to great patient care.



Wellbeing resources for staff

To support staff wellbeing and foster a psychologically healthy workplace, TPCH psychologists have partnered with the TPCH library and Staff Council to curate a collection of high-quality wellbeing resources for staff.

Rather than relying on popular self-help trends, the titles were intentionally selected by psychologists with expertise in evidence-based interventions and behaviour change approaches.

They are now part of TPCH Library's Special Collections, which features cookbooks (selected by TPCH dietitians), health practitioner memoirs, wellbeing titles and popular health reads.

All hospital staff can borrow from this collection after [registering with the library](#).

Also a special shoutout to the TPCH library team on [Library and Information Week](#).



Maddy conquers the English Channel for Nanna

What a great achievement!

TPCH Ward 1E Registered Nurse Madeline Snell (right) swam the English Channel last Wednesday.

Maddy swam the 45km crossing in a time of 10 hours and 26 minutes. She was raising money for Dementia Australia in honour of her Nanna, who recently passed away with dementia.



Maddy is now one of just 2077 people in the world who have successfully swum the English Channel to France. There is still time to give to [Maddy's fundraiser](#).



Celebrating our BMX world champion

Speaking of great achievements, Children's Ward Registered Nurse Melissa Graham (right) recently represented Australia at the BMX World Championships.

Competing in both the 35+ years and 50+ years divisions, Melissa progressed all the way to the semi-finals.

Representing her country on the world stage is an incredible accomplishment and a testament to her dedication, determination and athletic talent.

Melissa's team came together this week (below) to celebrate her remarkable achievement.



Linen changes start Monday

Queensland Health is making changes to the Linen Catalogue and Service Specification Schedule.

From Monday, several items will be replaced or removed from the catalogue so the linen team can focus on what's used every day and better support hospitals.

For more information, visit [QHEPS](#) or email the [Linen Services Program Delivery and Change team](#).

Mandatory training focus

With the possibility of accreditation at TPCP later this year, it's important that we focus on the fundamentals that demonstrate our commitment to quality and safety.

This includes ensuring all staff have the opportunity and support to complete their Performance and Development Plans (PDPs) and finalise any outstanding mandatory training, particularly General Evacuation and First Response.

I ask all leaders to work closely with their teams to prioritise these activities and support staff to complete any outstanding requirements as soon as possible.

Lung Screening Centre of Excellence (LUSCE) launch next week

Next week, I am looking forward to TPCH hosting the launch of the Australian Cancer Research Foundation Lung Cancer Screening Centre of Excellence (LUSCE).

It will be the culmination of many years of hard work by Professor Kwun Fong and team.

I will share photos from the event next week.

Kind regards,

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



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innovation and research meets compassionate
care and community voices shape our services.



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