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Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Team,

This week, TPCCH hosted the launch of the Australian Cancer Research Foundation Lung Cancer Screening Centre of Excellence (ACRF LUSCE).

Lung cancer remains Australia's leading cause of cancer death in both men and women, despite having a high potential for cure when detected early.

While national screening programs exist for breast, bowel and cervical cancers, lung cancer screening has not been available on a national scale.

This innovative mobile clinic is an initiative of Thoracic Physician Dr Kwun Fong (above right) and TPCCH Thoracic Team (below), the University of Queensland and the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF).

It will trial state-of-the-art technology such as low-dose CT scanning and AI-enabled X-ray imaging alongside breath and blood biomarker testing.

The truck will hit the road soon, improving health outcomes by proving access to early detection and screening services for regional, rural and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

It will initially visit the Darling Downs and Southern Downs later this year before heading to other parts of Queensland during 2027.

The establishment of LUSCE represents years of collaboration, research and advocacy aimed at addressing one of Australia's most challenging cancers.





Executive Update

I am acting Executive Director until Sunday 6 September while Tami takes some well deserved recreation leave. Dr Louis Prado is acting Director Medical Services during this time.

QHRefer update

All 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 6 August 2026 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.

Safer workplaces - OV update

At Metro North, workplace safety is a key priority—protecting you so you can come to work and care for our patients in the safest possible environment.

I acknowledge that occupational violence (OV) is a major issue for our staff and reducing instances of OV is an ongoing focus for Metro North. Across our facilities and services, we care for a large number of patients with clinically complex and challenging conditions and behaviours.

With all care delivery, we encourage mutual respect and treat patients and consumers with compassion to de-escalate abusive and aggressive behaviours.

Equipping staff with the necessary tools and resources to respond to these behaviours is key to helping prevent and reduce instances of work-related violence and aggression.

We work closely with the Queensland Occupational Violence Strategy Unit (QOVSU) to ensure

Metro North staff have access to training, support and reporting to manage the impact of OV.

There are a range of OV support resources available online via the following links:

- [Queensland Health handbook](#)
- [Metro North OV Prevention Resources](#)
- [QOVSU Initiatives and Resources](#)

National Day of Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners

Today, Friday 7 August, is the National Day of Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners.

At TPCB, Kallangur Satellite Health Centre (Kalangoor) and across Metro North, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners play vital clinical and cultural roles, providing culturally safe and responsive care, advocating for patients and families and strengthening trust between our services and communities.

I would like to acknowledge all of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners across TPCB and Kallangur Satellite Health Centre (Kalangoor). Your work is essential as we continue working towards closing the gap and building an environment where all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel safe, respected, heard and understood.

Com'on Health Games winners

While most eyes were on the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow recently, there was also tough competition at the TPCB Eat Walk Engage 'Com'on Health Games'.

Congratulations to winners, Paul Van Der Boon and Ward 1F team. The games were a lot of fun and a great way to engage patients in the core principles of Eat Walk Engage.



Enrol now: TPCB HR Fundamentals session on Performance Development Plans

This session is designed to strengthen a manager's capability and confidence in leading effective performance development conversations.

Participants will gain a practical understanding of responsibilities within the PDP process and learn how to support employee growth, performance and engagement through meaningful development planning.

Date: Thursday 13 August 2026

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Location: Online (Teams)

Register: Click [here](#) or search 'HR Fundamentals' in TMS.

Paid parking update

Our new multi-storey car park was delivered in line with the Department of Health's policy that hospital car parks are to be funded under the [Government Portfolio Model](#) (GPM).

This means that the multi-storey car park was funded by the State Government through a loan, with the introduction of tariffs on car parks across the campus to help meet the cost of that loan, together with the ongoing operations and maintenance of the car park.

If you haven't already done so, you can apply for paid parking on [QHEPS](#).

For more information, contact the [Car Park Team](#).

Southeast Queensland Health Disaster Readiness Alliance Symposium

Metro North Health and Jamieson Trauma Institute will soon host the inaugural Southeast Queensland Health Disaster Readiness Alliance Symposium 2026.

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: [on sale now](#).

How to avoid a potential tax bill this year

Did you know that the 2026–27 financial year includes 27 fortnightly pays instead of the usual 26? This may mean you have less tax withheld than required across the year and receive an unexpected bill when lodging your annual return.

More details are available on the [payroll assistance](#) QHEPS page.

Kind regards,

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork



Metro North Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Land upon which we live, work and walk, and we 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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