

Acting Executive Director The Prince Charles Hospital

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Summary:

- CCRG researcher awarded fellowship
- Metro North Operational Plan now available
- Resuscitating the Heart Symposium
- TPCH Mental Health HiTH starts
- DFV prevention training opportunities

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



Read time: 4 min



For: Information



Dear Team,

CCRG Senior Physio-Researcher Luke Churchill (left) has been awarded one of four prestigious Queensland Health Clinical Research Fellowships.

In 2024, Luke became the first physiotherapist in Queensland, and only the fifth nationally, to be [accredited in the use of lung ultrasound](#), a tool used to diagnose several lung conditions in real time.

With his new Fellowship, Luke will introduce AI into the intensive care unit at TPCH to predict atrial fibrillation (AF) - a potentially dangerous heart rhythm disturbance experienced by around half of patients following cardiac surgery.

By analysing routine clinical data collected after surgery, the AI model aims to enable earlier interventions to reduce complications, including stroke and prolonged hospital stays.

Read more on the [CCRG website](#).

Executive Update

TPCH Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Kieran Costigan has resigned. His final day with us will be Friday 28 July.

Metro North Acting Chief Executive Naomi Hebson is visiting TPCH this morning.

Metro North 26/27 Operational Plan available

The Metro North 2026/27 Operational Plan is now available.

The plan has detailed information that helps us deliver priorities outlined in the Metro North Strategic Plan, as well as other associated plans and strategies.

The plan is [available on QHEPS](#).

A portrait to care

At Grand Rounds yesterday, the Internal Medicine Dementia Research Unit (IMDRU) presented the topic of Young Onset Dementia, including patient Matthew and wife Kate.

Matthew described his symptoms leading to dementia diagnosis, management and psychosocial aspects.

The IMDRU referred Matthew to the [QAGOMA Art and Dementia Program](#) run by Debbie Brittain, who also spoke about this innovative program at yesterday's Grand Rounds.

It was also a great opportunity for IMDRU Clinical Director Margaret Morton to be presented with a portrait, painted and gifted to the IMDRU by Brisbane GP Dr Pradeep Bathini.

Dr Bathini is a friend of Margie and painted her for his entry into this year's [Brisbane Portrait Prize](#). It will be hung in the IMDRU for future patients to enjoy.



Photo L to R: Maureen Morgan, wife Kate, Margaret Morton, Dr Lucy Dakin, Debbie Brittain, Dr Chrys Pulle and patient Matthew.

Resuscitating the Heart symposium

The Resuscitating the Heart Symposium at TPCH next month will guide participants through

the cardiac resuscitation journey.

This event will be hosted by the TPCH Emergency Department and a multidisciplinary team, including ICU, Echo Cardiology, Cardiology, Heart Transplant, Pulmonary Embolism (PE) Response Team and other specialist services.

The program will explore the complete continuum of cardiac critical care, featuring experts across emergency medicine, cardiology, intensive care and critical care.

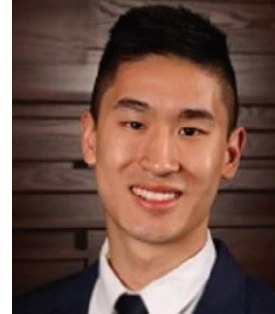
International Emergency Physician and Trauma Team Leader at St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto and Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, Dr Garrick Mok (above right), will be guest speaker.

Dr Mok is the co-founder and co-lead of the MI-CARE program, a quality improvement initiative focused on improving CPR quality through real-time data, structured debriefing and a dedicated CPR coach role.

Date: Tuesday 8 September

Time: 8am to 3pm

For further information or questions, contact Symposium Chair [Dr Tighe Tozer](#).



TPCH Mental Health HITH service starts

TPCH's Mental Health now offers a Hospital in the Home service (MN-HiTH).

It provides an alternative treatment option for suitable consumers that would otherwise require acute inpatient mental health admissions.

MN-HiTH can provide up to 21 days of home-based care for acutely unwell consumers, with capacity to support up to 10 consumers at any one time. It operates daily between 7am and 9pm.

This model has clear benefits for patients who can now remain at home to receive care, while freeing up more hospital beds for patients with acute care needs.

Calling time on 40-year career with Queensland Health

On Sunday, we said farewell to Administration Officer, Scott Mack, after a 40-year career with Queensland Health.

Scotty started in RBWH Medical Records in the mid 1980s. He moved to The Prince Charles Hospital, building a diverse career that has spanned Outpatients and Pharmacy, as well as the Revenue Control and Finance Department, where he managed accounts payable, receivable and assets.



To cap off a great career, Scotty has spent his semi-retired years working in the Emergency Department, bringing four decades of healthcare knowledge to support patients when they needed it most. Thanks for your service.



Small adjustments can make a large difference

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a globally recognised program that helps people discreetly indicate they have disability, condition or chronic illness that may not be immediately noticeable.



In our healthcare environment, wearing a sunflower lanyard, badge or wristband, means a person may be signalling that they need extra time, clearer communication, assistance or understanding.

In our hospital, this may apply to patients, visitors or staff, helping us create a more accessible, inclusive and supportive environment for everyone.

The sunflower is not an emergency signal or a request for special treatment, but a reminder that small adjustments can make a significant difference to someone's experience.

Visit the [Metro North Health QHEPS page](#) for more details.

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention training

Queensland's Common Risk and Safety Framework (CRASF) training is open to Metro North staff who have a role in assessing DFV, responding to and managing threats relating to DFV, or would like to learn about the recommended tools and approach set at a statewide level.

- Thursday 20 August | 12pm - 4pm | Online via Teams
- Tuesday 29 September | 12pm - 4pm | Online via Teams

Ensure you have a copy of the [CRASF booklet](#) available for the training and implementation of the tool post-session.

[Register here!](#)

Have your say on Metro North Business Case for Change

Last week, the latest Metro North Business Case for Change vidcast was held, explaining proposed key changes to ensure portfolios under Senior Executive Team (SET) members have logical groupings of their key functions.

The Outcome and Proposed Implementation Plan documents can now be accessed on the [Business Case for Change intranet page](#).



The formal consultation period will run until Friday 21 August 2026. You can provide feedback [via the following link](#) or the QR code.

Next Metro North Senior Executive Team Forum

Join Chief Executive Nick Steele and Metro North Senior Executive Team to hear updates, ask questions and provide feedback.

The next SET Forum will be held on Thursday 3 September from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

You can [join on Teams](#) and [ask a question](#) beforehand.

Kind regards,

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The Prince Charles Hospital



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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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