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Summary:

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- Getting ready for accreditation

Message feedback



Audience: All staff



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For: Information

Dear Team,

I'm pleased to announce that nominations for this year's TPOCH awards are now open.



There are 10 Staff Excellence award categories this year:

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| 1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence and health improvement | 5. Partnering for care |
| 2. Education, training and workforce development | 6. People focus |
| 3. Enabling care | 7. Performance |
| 4. Leadership | 8. Safety and Quality Improvement |
| | 9. Transforming care |
| | 10. Values in Action |

As well as three Research categories:

1. Rising Star of Research
2. Research Support
3. Researcher of the Year

Award nominations will work a little differently this year. We are using online platform, Award Force. For the first few weeks of nominations, you can choose to have your TPOCH submission automatically entered for the Metro North Staff Excellence Awards.

This change reflects our commitment to [One Metro North](#) and will help us to submit more nominations to the Metro North level awards, which close on Wednesday 9 September.

TPCH nominations will close a few weeks later at 5pm Monday 21 September. TPCH winners announced during Charlies Week on Thursday 29 October.

[Nominate here](#). Scroll down to find the TPCH awards.

Short Film Festival entries now open

Speaking of Charlies Week, now is a great time to start working on entries in the 2026 Short Film Festival.

Last year's winner and people's choice award went to *Bohemian Remedy*. This year's theme is reflections, which aligns with the TPCH Foundation's 40-year milestone celebrations.



Entries are due to Dr Shaun Pandy by COB Friday 23 October.

Please contact Shaun if you need technical advice. Entries by USB or WeTransfer. MP4 preferred. Films should be less than five minutes.

The full Charlies Week program is being finalised, ready to launch in early September.

Executive Update

Leicha Wone has been temporarily appointed as Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service for three months.

For the past five years, Leicha has worked as the identified Nurse Navigator at Redcliffe Hospital, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients to navigate complex healthcare systems and achieve improved health outcomes.



Celebrating Speech Pathology Week at TPCH

The TPCH Speech Pathology Department is celebrating Speech Pathology Week (23-29 August). This year's theme, *Communication creates possibility*, reflects what speech pathologists see every day in practice. When communication and swallowing needs are supported, people have more opportunities to connect, learn, make choices, participate and thrive.

Our TPCH speechies manage swallowing safety, communication and voice changes along the continuum of care, from diagnosis to rehabilitation and discharge planning. They work across all TPCH wards from paediatrics to general medicine, ICU, palliative care and everything in between.

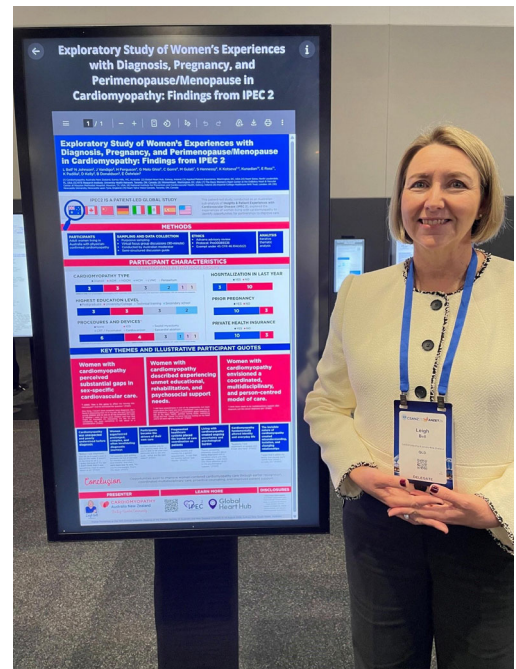
The team have been busy this week scattering lollies throughout nurse's stations with speech pathology 'myths and facts' attached, please look out for one and enjoy a little educational sweet treat (remember to chew it thoroughly!).

Cardiovascular research on a national stage

TPCH consumer Leigh Bell recently presented patient-led research at the 74th annual scientific meeting of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand in Sydney, coincidentally on the fifth anniversary of her heart transplant.

She presented a poster 'Exploratory Study of Women's Experiences with Cardiomyopathy: Findings from IPEC 2'. Her research found that women with cardiomyopathy reported significant gaps in sex-specific care and unmet educational, rehabilitation and psychosocial needs, calling for coordinated, multidisciplinary and person-centred care.

[See the poster](#) and read more about IPEC2 [here](#).



Wear It Purple Day

Today is 'Wear It Purple Day' where we remind young LGBTQIA+ people that they have the right to be proud of who they are and that they are seen and valued.

Earlier this week, Ace Ferrie and Michael Wilson hosted a vidcast with Chief People and Culture Officer Lorna Morton, talking about Metro North's commitment to inclusion for members of this community.

Behind the Wear It Purple Day fun lies an important message of inclusion, helping to ensure that members of this community have the same safe and equitable access to care as others in society.

Sustainability focus releasing clinical time

Metro North's Sustainability Plan has a strong focus on ensuring resources are allocated appropriately, such as redistributing consumables to ensure they can be used.

That's why I'm happy to see the Metro North Supply Division (MNSD) continuing to overhaul clinical storage rooms across TPCH - most recently the Palliative Care Unit.



Over a few days, Inventory Controller Emma Flint and team removed old stock and had new shelving installed with obsolete stock redistributed across the hospital.

MNSD has now taken on end-to-end stock management for the Palliative Care team, ensuring ongoing savings. This includes reducing the maximum stock hold.

This is the seventh TPCB Internal Medicine location to transition clinical supply storage to MNSD, which is releasing about 35 hours of clinical time back to patient care each week.



Updating our websites ahead of accreditation

With a formal accreditation process expected at TPCB later this year, now is a great time to ensure we are ready to put our best foot forward.

[TPCB QHEPS pages](#) are the 'source of truth' for key details such as the policies and procedures that support the work you do.

Assessors may well ask a staff member to find relevant information on QHEPS as part of their accreditation checks.

Similarly, the [TPCB website](#) is our consumer and stakeholder facing portal and should be kept up to date.

We are the respective subject matter experts. May I please ask all TPCB leaders to work with your teams to audit pages linked to your service areas?

This would include tasks such as checking that links, contacts, phone numbers and references to other pages all remain relevant and up to date.

Send updates to the [Metro North Online Team](#) including a link to the page to be updated.

Administration Services consultation closes on Monday

A reminder that consultation on the Administration Services business case outcome and proposed implementation plan will close on Monday 31 August.

For full details, visit the [Administrative Services QHEPS page](#).

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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