

# Executive Director The Prince Charles Hospital

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## Summary:

- Higher than normal demand
- Echocardiography appointments
- Provide feedback on Future Metro North
- Nominate for Staff Excellence Awards
- World Physiotherapy Day

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**Audience:** All staff



**Read time:** 4 min



**For:** Information

Dear Team,

I am back to work after a few weeks of travel and some spring cleaning. Thank you to Dr Julieanne Graham for her leadership as Acting Executive Director over the past four weeks.

We've certainly seen higher than normal demand for our services over the past few weeks. Much of this can be attributed to an unexpected late spike in flu cases this year.

Frontline healthcare can be challenging. The kind and compassionate care that you provide for our patients, particularly during periods of increased demand, does not go unnoticed.

Thanks for your dedication, professionalism and ongoing commitment to our community.

## Executive Update

After almost six years as the Executive Director, I wanted to let you know that I will be leaving TPCH and Metro North Health on Friday 13 November 2026.

It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and talented group of people here at Charlies and I am incredibly grateful for your support, professionalism, commitment, laughs and some tears.

Over the next nine weeks, I aim to get around and see as many people as possible and celebrate with everyone during Charlies Week soon.

Thank you for everything you do each day for our patients, our Charlies and each other.

## Echocardiography appointments

Dr Vinesh Appadurai has been appointed to Deputy Clinical Director of Echocardiography.

Dr Appadurai has been tasked with delivering the next phase of Echo research, spearheading new projects, delivering Echo Core Lab goals and obtaining external funding.

Dr Katherine Lau has been appointed to the Clinical Lead - TOE/Structural Echocardiography role.

Dr Lau has been appointed to this role to drive forward procedural excellence and quality assurance, training of junior and advanced operators, workforce management, workload management, accreditation and maintenance of credentialling for this critical modality.

## Provide feedback on Future Metro North

You're invited to provide feedback on the draft [Future Metro North: Reimagining Healthcare 2027-2042](#).

Have your say on the draft report to ensure it reflects the experiences, priorities and aspirations of the people we serve and provides a strong foundation for the future.

Consultation is open until Tuesday 6 October 2026, before moving into implementation.

For more details, send an email to the [Metro North Health Strategy and Planning team](#).



## Every day is a good day to ask R U OK?

R U OK? It's more important than ever for all of us to stay connected and look out for each other.

You don't need to be an expert to reach out - just a good friend and a great listener.

Earlier this week, The TPCH Staff Council hosted Paws for A Chat (right) to enjoy puppy cuddles as you ask colleagues R U OK?

The Staff Council and TPCH Executive provided bananas, chocolates, coffee vouchers and other goodies from a stand at The Common Good main cafe yesterday.



More details on staff wellbeing and support services are available on the [Staff Extranet](#).



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Less than two weeks remain to submit many, many nominations for the annual TPCH Staff Excellence Awards!

There are 10 categories and it's now very easy to submit your nomination to the Metro North Staff Excellence Awards at the same time!

To submit a nomination, [click here](#) and scroll down to find TPCH.

### Resuscitating The Heart Symposium a great success

The Resuscitating the Heart Symposium at TPCH this week was a great success. Well done to Dr Tigie Tozer and team for putting it together.

This exciting clinical initiative featured experts from Emergency Medicine, cardiology, intensive care from multiple facilities and Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS).



Topics covered included pre-hospital resuscitation, improving CPR quality with feedback, the future of resuscitation and ethics of resuscitation. A panel discussion around complex decisions closed out the event.

More than 120 people attended in person and online. We are looking to build on this initial success to support TPCH being a world leader in cardiac resus.

### Cystic Fibrosis Consumer Research Showcase

The TPCH Cystic Fibrosis Research Group will soon host its inaugural Consumer Research Showcase Event.

This will be a hybrid event with clinicians, researchers, representatives from consumer-led organisations and hospital executive. People with cystic fibrosis are invited to attend online.

For more details and to book your place, [visit Humanitix](#).

TPCH CFRG The Prince Charles Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Research Group

**2026**

**TPCH Cystic Fibrosis**

Consumer Research Showcase

**Date:** Thursday, 15th October 2026

**Time:** 8:30 AM -11:45 AM

**Location:** Online

Scan here to register for free

## Car parking reminder

If you chose to park for free in streets surrounding the hospital, please show respect and courtesy to the hospital's neighbours, including nearby businesses.

Remember that parking regulations and road rules apply. More details are available from [Brisbane City Council](#) and [Queensland Transport](#) websites.

Passes for staff to park on-site are available from our car parking team.

For more information, visit the [QHEPS page](#) or email [TPCHCarPark@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:TPCHCarPark@health.qld.gov.au)



### Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

National Child Protection Week is an important reminder that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

This year's theme, Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action, highlights the importance of turning awareness into meaningful action. Even small steps can make a significant difference to the safety, wellbeing and future of a child or young person.



TPCH Child Protection Unit (CPU) provides support to all staff and patients at TPCH.

This week, the CPU held a display in The Common Good main cafe, including information and resources to support children and families and decorations, as well as fabulous artwork from The Prince Charles Hospital Early Education Centre.

## Decorate your ward or clinical area for Dementia Action Week

Dementia Action Week 2026 will be held from 21–27 September.

You're invited to take part in a variety of engaging activities to raise awareness, support dementia-friendly care and spark meaningful conversations about dementia across TPCH.

This includes a competition to decorate your ward or clinical area in support of this year's theme *It's Time To Talk About Dementia*.

Judging will occur on Thursday 24 September at 9am with winners announced soon after.

To enter, email [tpchdementiadeliriumservice@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:tpchdementiadeliriumservice@health.qld.gov.au) by Tuesday 23 September.

**Here's to the team that help keep our patients moving, healthy and independent**

On Tuesday (8 September), the TPCH physio team (below) celebrated World Physiotherapy Day.

With 130 physiotherapists at TPCH, the team can provide care across wards with morning and afternoon shifts, supported by an overnight on-call service.

Each month, they receive more than 520 outpatient referrals across a diverse range of areas including musculoskeletal, pelvic health, oncology, vestibular and cardiorespiratory care, delivered through individual consultations, group programs and telehealth.

They are grateful to work alongside medical, nursing, allied health and clinical support colleagues to help patients and their families to achieve the best possible outcomes.



Kind regards,

**Tami Photinos**

Executive Director

The Prince Charles Hospital



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 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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