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Message feedback

Audience: All staff **Read time:** 5+ min **For:** Information

Dear CKW team,



I was delighted to visit the Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre yesterday morning and the Caboolture Satellite Health Centre on Wednesday afternoon. I always enjoy engaging with staff face-to-face and seeing how each team plays a role in delivering safe, high-quality care.

I also want to thank Caboolture Hospital staff, particularly our frontline teams, for continuing to support each other and our patients, despite being on Tier 3 capacity this week. This follows October, which saw Caboolture Hospital operate on Tier 3 capacity four times. I truly appreciate everyone's effort and teamwork that allows us to continue caring for each other and our community.

Finally, with the Summer heat already hitting us in the CKW Directorate, and National Skin Cancer Action Week later this month, I remind everyone to stay hydrated and be sun safe. Cover up, wear a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses, and seek shade as much as possible.

Pictured at Bribie Island Satellite Health Centre: Left, Emma Busby (Nurse Navigator Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services) and right, Rebecca Whittaker (Acting Nurse Unit Manager Minor Injuries and Illness Unit and Day Medical Treatment Unit).

Update your mandatory fire safety training record

We all have a responsibility to keep our mandatory fire safety training record up to date in TMS, including First Response Evacuation Instructions (FREI) and General Evacuation Instructions (GEI).

Once you have completed your GEI with your line manager or a Warden, you must also complete the staff declaration in TMS. Until this declaration is submitted, TMS will continue showing the GEI as overdue, even though the instruction has been completed.

For help submiting your declaration, read the Metro North - GEI Guidance Document.

Job advert live: Director of Strategy, Performance and Organisational Excellence CKW

The permanent Director of Strategy, Performance and Organisational Excellence CKW job advert is now live on the Queensland Health Careers portal.

Applications close on **Friday 13 November 2026**.

See attached Role Description for more information.

Medication Safety Awareness Day

This event brings together clinicians, educators and subject matter experts to share knowledge, strengthen medication safety practices, and support our ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, safe patient care.

We are honoured to welcome guest speakers Dr Paul Lane, Digital Sepsis Lead at Clinical Excellence Queensland, and Dr Kathryn Wilks, Infectious Diseases Physician and Microbiologist.

Date: Monday 9 November 2026.
Time: 8.45am to 2.30pm.
Location: Caboolture Hospital Education Centre Auditorium and via Teams.

I encourage all staff to take advantage of this professional development opportunity that plays a vital role in fostering a strong culture of safety, continuous learning and excellence in healthcare.

UQ and Prevocational Medical Educator of the Year Awards



Last Thursday, I was delighted to attend the 2026 UQ and Prevocational Medical Educator of the Year Awards, recognising those who make learning at Caboolture Hospital a supportive and rewarding experience. This year's theme, 'Planting Seeds, Growing Clinicians,' reflects the lasting influence of our supervisors, educators and mentors.

Congratulations to our 2026 winners:

- **Overall winner - UQ and Prevocational Medical Educator of the Year:** Dr Jeremy Gordon
- **UQ Educator Award**: Dr Katie Chen-Dixon

- **Education RMO Award:** Dr Chloe Von Hagt
- **Consultant of the Year:** Dr Steven Hocken
- **Registrar/PHO of the Year:** Dr Jeremy Sin
- **JHO/SHO of the Year:** Dr Jeremy Gordon
- **Intern of the Year:** Dr Emma Fisher
- **Nurse/Midwife of the Year:** Emma Semmens and Tammie Mullane.
- **Allied Health Educator of the Year:** Mitch Giddings.

Pictured: Dr Jeremy Gordon (left) and Dr Robert McGrath, CKW A/Deputy Director of Medical Services (right).

A big shout-out to The University of Queensland (UQ) for sponsoring the awards.

Last chance to register: Health Equity Showcase and Expo

Today is your last chance to register for 'Connecting the Journey: Growing Strong Kids Health Equity Showcase and Expo', hosted by Metro North and Children's Health Queensland on **Thursday 17 November 2026**.

This community event will share health and wellbeing information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

View the event flyer for more details and click here to register.



Beyond Diversity Workshop at Caboolture Hospital

For the first time ever, the Beyond Diversity Workshop will be held at Caboolture Hospital this month. This is a great opportunity for CKW staff to attend, and I encourage you to register for this last available 2026 session.

Day 1 (workshop)
When: 19–20 November, 8.30am–4.30pm.
Where: Caboolture Hub, 4 Hasking St, Caboolture.

Day 2 (unpack session)
When: 2 December, 9–10.30am.
Where: online.

Safety and Quality Spotlight Board: October winners

Congratulations to the following 'Safety and Quality Spotlight Board' October winners from Caboolture Hospital:

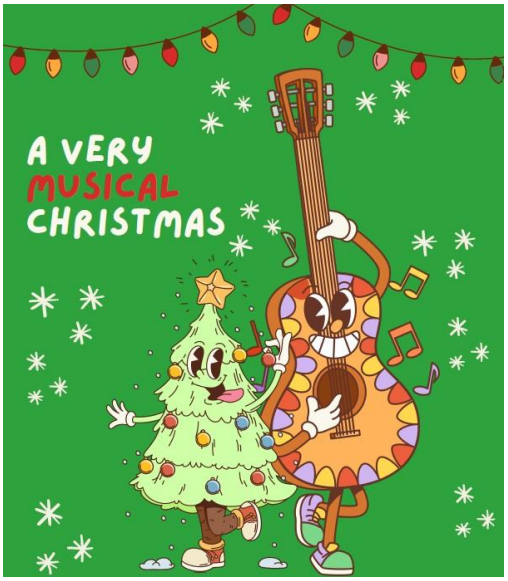
- Overall Winner and Most Creative: **Ward 3C**
- Most Informative: **Ward 4C**

- Highly Commended: **Planned Procedure Ward**.

October's theme was Nutrition and Hydration and I'm proud of the great effort made by our teams.

Click here for photos and details of the October winners' boards.

CKW 2026 Christmas Decoration Competition



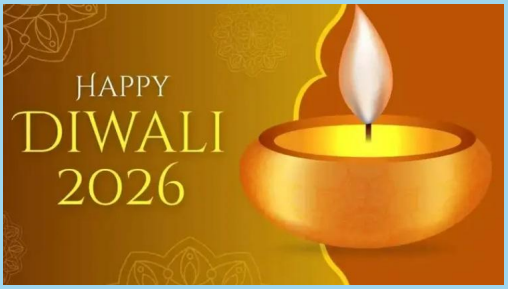
Get ready to deck the halls!

A reminder that the CKW Christmas Decoration Competition begins on **Tuesday 1 December**, with judging on Monday 14 December.

This year's theme, '**A very musical Christmas**,' was announced at a recent CKW staff forum.

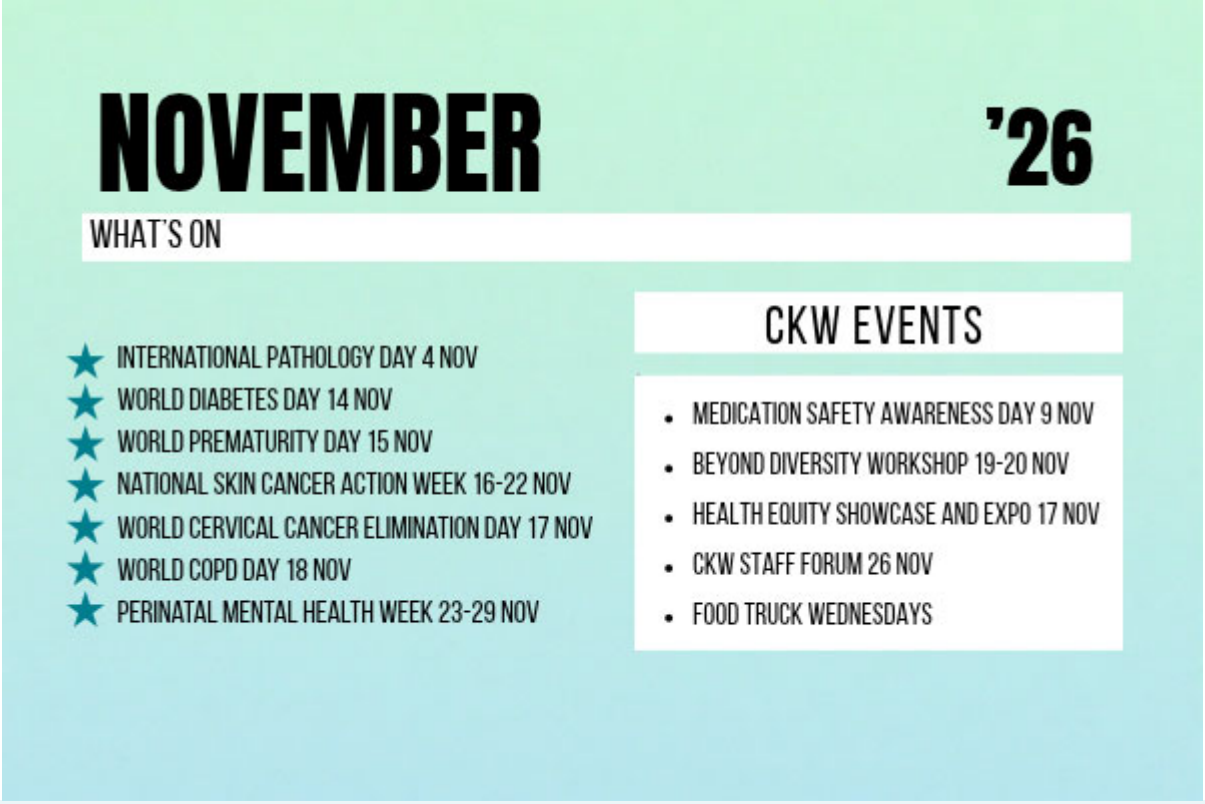
Read the attached flyer for important guidelines. If you have any questions, contact the CKW Engage team.

Culture and connection



I'd like to wish a Happy Diwali to those celebrating this weekend. Observed by people of Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and Buddhist faiths, Diwali symbolises the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. It's a time for reflection, renewal, and togetherness - values we also hold close at CKW!

Do you have something to share in Culture and Connection? Let me know!



Motivational quote

"We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be reorganised...creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralisation." - Unknown

Kind regards,
Jamie

Metro North Health

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 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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