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Dear Team,



The theme for the 2026 National Safe Work Month was: Safe is for life. Being healthy and safe means being free from physical and psychological harm. No job should be unsafe, and no death or injury is acceptable.

When injuries or illnesses do occur, it is important that staff feel supported to return to the workplace.

Based on the number of nominations received from the Rehab and Return to Work Coordinators (RRTWC) during Safe Work Month, indicates that we have many people across Community and Oral Health who provide that support.

Congratulations to Dominic Carroll for being selected as the winner of the **Rehab Superstar 2026 for COH**!

Dominic won the award for providing additional support for staff who have needed that extra help to recover and return to work safely.

Celebrating Diwali at North Lakes

Diwali or the ‘festival of lights’ is fast becoming a very popular and regular staff celebration at North Lakes Health Precinct.

For the Hospital in the Home service which has a large multicultural workforce, Diwali is perfect

way to come together, bring food and sweets to share, and wear rich and colourful traditional garments.

Indian festivals are consciously designed as an ingenious way of cultivating a spirit of togetherness and celebration.

Diwali is a grand festival which has great spiritual significance. The celebration depicts happiness and prosperity to all.





Free soft serve ice-cream with a twist! NEXT WEEK!

The COH Executive Team would like to say thank you for the work that you do.

Over three days, from Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 November a twisted soft serve ice-cream van will be visiting 17 community sites so you can share some traditional vanilla and Pineapple Dole Whip treats.

All Staff with a Health ID badge are eligible for one ice-cream.

View the proposed schedule of visits.

High praise for Halwyn

It was wonderful to receive a compliment from Bernard Curran about the excellent care provided at the Halwyn Centre.

"On behalf of the Metro North Hospital and Health Board, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation and congratulations to staff at Halwyn following the highly commendable feedback recieved in the NDIS Midterm Report.

"The comments provided by participants and their families are a powerful reflection of the exceptional care, professionalism and compassion demonstrated by the Halwyn Team. The report highlights not only the quality of clinical care provided, but also the genuine relationships

staff have developed with residents and families.

"The testimonials in the report praising staff, speaks volumes about the trust, respect and confidence residents and families place in the Halwyn team. These sentiments are among the highest compliments that can be paid to healthcare and disability support professionals.

"The Board was also pleased to note the positive feedback received from staff themselves, who report feeling supported, well-trained and provided opportunities for professional growth. This reflects a positive workplace culture and leadership commitment to develop a skilled and engaged workforce, which ultimately benefits the residents at Halwyn.

"Please convey the Board's gratitude and congratulations to all Halwyn staff. Their dedication to delivering person-centred care, compassionate care embodies the values of Metro North and contributes significantly to the wellbeing and quality of life of the people they support."

Bernard Curran
Chair
Metro North Hospital and Health Service Board



Metro North Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Plan 2026-2030

The new Metro North Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Plan 2026–2030 provides a roadmap to strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce representation, support retention, wellbeing and leadership, advance anti-racism, and create meaningful career development opportunities across Metro North Health.

Please take the time to read it.

Final Shout Out - Putting their best foot forward



Our Gannet House residents are putting their best foot forward with fortnightly seated ballet exercises led by the team at Queensland Ballet!

Ex-ballerina Marilyn loves when Olivia and the Queensland Ballet team visit and says it not only reminds her of her younger years but is also a great way to keep active.

Read more ...

Glynis Schultz
Executive Director

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork

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