

Summary:

- Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men's health
- Urapun nursing school
- Christmas Decoration Competition

Message feedback

Audience: All staff **Read time:** 3 min **For:** Information

Dear colleagues,

One of our big strategic priorities as a hospital and as a health service is our commitment to achieving health equity and Closing the Gap.

We were proud to support last Friday's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men's Health Expo at the Brighton Health Campus (pictured right).





The Expo was delivered as part of the Metro North Health Equity Strategy 2025–2028, which aims to strengthen connections between health services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men while improving access to culturally safe and equitable healthcare.

The event brought together a strong network of health services, community organisations, presenters, and stallholders, creating valuable opportunities for attendees to access health information, screening services, education and support in a culturally respectful environment.

Events like this also provide an important platform for partner agencies and services to engage directly with community members, building trust and strengthening partnerships that lead to better health

outcomes.

Thank you to everyone who represented Redcliffe.

Urapun TAFE students welcomed



Redcliffe Hospital has welcomed the next intake of Urapun Clinical School of Nursing students (pictured).

The name, Urapun, means 'one' and is derived from the Torres Strait Kala Lagaw Ya Western Islands Language group. It was chosen because it reflects ideas of inclusion and unity.

Urapun was launched earlier this year as a unique program for TAFE nursing students studying to become enrolled nurses, providing practical training at Redcliffe Hospital and COH facilities.



Keith Von Dohren, Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services welcomed the students along with Sharon Ragau and Karen Lush from COH (pictured).

In welcoming the students, Keith spoke about how the Redcliffe Hospital Expansion would effectively double the size of the hospital workforce in the next few years, and how important training nurses and clinicians was for the public health system as a whole.

Urapun is one of the many programs we support to train and develop the next generation of clinicians and health workers, alongside our School Based Traineeships, Deadly Start, and partnerships with universities.

As health workers, many of us began our careers in a similar way - as trainees or apprentices, or as students and graduates working placements in a working hospital.

We can be proud that our hospital continues to shape the next generation of our health workforce.

Christmas Decoration Competition theme: Favourite Christmas movie

Each year, our Christmas Decoration Competition brings joy and happiness to patients, consumers, and everyone in our hospital community.

I'm pleased to announce the theme for this year's Christmas Decoration Competition will be *favourite Christmas movie.*

Registration will be open soon.

Decorations and displays should not be up until Tuesday 1 December. The competition will be judged on Thursday 10 December, and we'll be announcing the winner at the final

Staff Forum of the year, on Thursday 17 December.

(Pictured, last year's winner, the Paediatrics ward).



Raise it for Redcliffe Wishlist Grants

Sixteen projects have been proposed for funding in this year's Raise it for Redcliffe Wishlist Grants.

With applications now closed, the next step is for those applications to be reviewed by the assessment panel.

I look forward to announcing the successful grants in the first week of December.

Grant applications almost always require lots of preparatory work, and we're grateful to the teams, units and service lines who assisted in preparing these proposals.

Raise it for Redcliffe Hospital

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Lastly, a reminder about Remembrance Day next Wednesday. We'll be marking this significant and important occasion with a minute's silence and announcement in most parts of the hospital at 11 am.

Please join us in this observance, if you can.

Kind regards,

Cang Dang
Executive Director
Redcliffe Hospital

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Respect | Integrity | Compassion | High Performance | Teamwork

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