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Message feedback

Audience: All staff **Read time:** 4 min **For:** Information

Dear team,

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) will undertake short notice accreditation assessment at TPCH next week.

Seven ACHS surveyors will be with us from Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November, to assess TPCH against the eight National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards and Clinical Trials.

During our assessment, the hospital will continue business as usual. Should we be on Tier 3, our assessment will continue.

Thank you for your ongoing support and preparation, as we work together to showcase the high-quality patient care and services provided at TPCH.

Executive Update

TPCH Director Strategy, Planning and Infrastructure Katie Tully is on leave until early 2027. During this time, that role will be covered by:

- Gareth Davies - to Sunday 22 November
- Sharyn Trappett - Monday 23 November to Sunday 6 December
- Bianca Sullivan - Monday 7 December to Sunday 3 January 2027

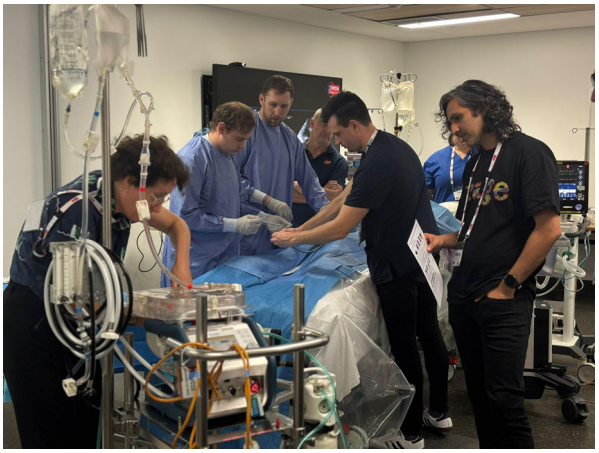
Perry Judd has returned to the TPCH Allied Health Director role following a secondment to North West HHS.

TPCH a leader in ECMO training throughout Australasia

This week, TPCH hosted a multi-disciplinary Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) course in the Education Centre. It was well attended, including a large contingent from Cairns and a participant from Canada.

TPCH takes a lead in ECMO training in Queensland. We host one of only two courses in Australasia that have been endorsed by international body, Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO).

These courses formed a major component of ELSO's recent decision to recognise TPCH with its gold award for excellence. It's another great example of how TPCH ICU continues to lead from the front in cardiothoracic intensive care practice.





Lesleigh to lead peak transplant nursing body



I'm delighted to share that Lung Transplant Service Clinical Nurse Consultant Lesleigh Winks has been elected National President-Elect of Transplant Nurses Australia (TNA).

TNA is the peak professional body for transplant nurses across Australia, promoting excellence in transplant nursing through leadership, education, advocacy, and professional collaboration.

Lesleigh will serve a three-year national leadership term, including one year as President-Elect followed by two years as National President.

In this role, she will represent Australian transplant nurses nationally and internationally, helping to shape the future of transplant nursing practice and patient care.

This appointment follows Lesleigh's dedicated service as Queensland Branch President for the past three years and reflects her ongoing commitment to advancing transplant care, supporting the nursing workforce, and improving outcomes for transplant recipients and their families.

Do you need to suspend your car parking payments?

With Christmas rapidly approaching, any changes to your parking accounts, including suspensions, can only be processed for full Queensland Health payroll fortnights.

If you are planning to take leave and wish to suspend your parking payroll deductions, the available leave periods must align with a full payroll fortnight.

Upcoming dates available for suspension are:

- 7 December - 20 December
- 21 December - 3 January
- 4 January - 17 January
- 18 January - 31 January

Note the car park team requires 30 days notice to process suspension requests. Please submit your application to tpchcarpark@health.qld.gov.au as soon as possible.

I appreciate your understanding as these arrangements are required to align with both Queensland Health payroll cycles and parking system processing requirements.

Office closure and leave arrangements for staff who are not engaged in continuous shift operations are now available. The dates for the closure period are:

- Friday 25 December: Christmas Day public holiday
- Monday 28 December: Boxing Day public holiday
- Tuesday 29 December: Concessional Day (leave on full pay without debit)
- Wednesday 30 December: Annual/recreational leave, TOIL or accrued hours
- Thursday 31 December: Annual/recreational leave, TOIL or accrued hours
- Friday 1 January: New Year's Day public holiday.

Please work with your line managers to begin planning leave arrangements in your team.



TPCH OTs welcome Hong Kong colleagues

The TPCH Occupational Therapy Department recently welcomed Gigi and Karman, two senior OTs from Hong Kong, for a two-week observational program, delivered in collaboration with UQ, alongside a parallel physiotherapy program.

Gigi and Karman expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn from our teams, sharing that they had gained many valuable ideas and insights to take back to their practice.

They also particularly enjoyed visiting during OT and Charlies Week, commenting on the vibrant energy, sense of community including the Race Around the Car Park, organised by the OT team.

This collaboration was a wonderful opportunity for knowledge sharing, professional connection and international collaboration. Thank you to everyone involved for making Gigi and Karman feel so welcome.

ieMR training starts next week

Our integrated electronic Medical Record (ieMR) training journey starts next week, with online training available to complete in Talent Management System (TMS) for the following staff:

- Administration
- Allied Health
- Indigenous Health Liaison Officers

- Nurses
- Pharmacists.



For some staff, this is a recommended online module to complete ahead of instructor-led training in 2027. For others, this will be the only mandatory training you need to complete ahead of our go-live on 18 May 2027.

Assigned on your behalf in TMS (meaning you won't need to enrol yourself), your role-specific online module will take between 1 to 2 hours complete.

If you have previously used the ieMR at another Queensland Health hospital, you may be eligible for recognition of prior learning (RPL). Further information on how to submit a RPL request to the ieMR Project team will be shared in the coming weeks.

Diwali Festival feast!

The TPCH Rehabilitation and Acute Stroke Unit celebrated Diwali last week. All the staff went to such great effort to host such a wonderful celebration.

Geoff Grima and I spent some time with staff enjoying the food (below), including a wonderful Butter Chicken by NUM Scott Parkinson. Yum!



Erin's presentation wins best overall award at pharmacy conference

A shout out to TPCH Pharmacy Assistant Director Erin Dunn (left) for her success at the Medicines Management 2026 conference in Brisbane recently.

Erin won the 'Best Overall Oral' prize for her presentation: *Charting a better experience: Consumer views on collaborative pharmacist prescribing.*

Erin's presentation summarised the results of a recent consumer survey exploring perceptions of collaborative pharmacist medication prescribing (CPMP) at TPCH and RBWH.



The results showed that CPMP was well-accepted by patients, with demonstrable improvements in consumer confidence, trust and perceived explanations of medicines changes.

Food Services offer bangers and mash special!



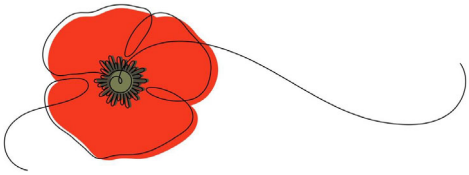
Food Services recently ran another monthly cook's special for TPCH patients.

It was a comfort food special - perfect for a rainy day.

Bangers and mash with onion gravy! Delicious.

The meals were flying out of the kitchen with plates returning scraped clean!

Remembrance Day events



A Remembrance Day service will be held in the TPCH Multi Faith Centre on Wednesday 11 November to remember everyone affected by war. All are welcome.

The service will start at 10.45am and conclude with the Last Post at 11am. For more details, contact Senior Chaplain Judy Burt.

We'll also lower the flags and have announcements over the hospital PA system.

Lest we forget.

Kind regards,

Tami Photinos
Executive Director
The Prince Charles Hospital

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