

Interim Program

Humanity & Technology

The Future of Nursing & Midwifery Care

2026 Metro North Nursing
and Midwifery Showcase

30th October 2026

7.15am – 3.30pm

RBWH Education Centre



Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 Metro North Nursing and Midwifery Showcase, themed *Humanity & Technology: the Future of Nursing & Midwifery Care*.

This Showcase celebrates the research, innovation and impact of nurses and midwives who are shaping contemporary and future care. As healthcare continues to evolve in an increasingly digital world, this year's theme invites reflection on how empathy, connection and clinical expertise remain central to nursing and midwifery practice, while technology supports and strengthens care delivery.




The 2026 program brings together breakfast workshops, rapid-fire presentations, keynote speakers and a thought-provoking debate exploring human judgement and artificial intelligence in healthcare. From compassion at the bedside to emerging technologies such as simulated and robotic care environments, the Showcase highlights how nurses and midwives are leading the way into the future of care.

Awards for Best Research Oral Presentation, Best Innovation Oral Presentation, Best Higher Degree Research Oral Presentation, Best Poster Presentation and our audience-voted awards for Best Oral Presentation and Best Poster Presentation are supported by the Joan Webster Fund RBWH Foundation. An additional two awards will be offered to non-Metro North Employees – podcast on 5 Things Nursing and an invite to a writing retreat.

We sincerely thank our sponsors, partners and organising committee for their continued support in making this event possible, and we welcome all delegates to a day of connection, learning and collaboration.

The Showcase Committee comprises representation from Metro North Health Nursing and Midwifery and our university partners - Dr Nicole Gavin (Chair), Prof Nicole Marsh, Dr James Hughes, Catherine O'Brien, Ella Tomkins, Dr Nahid Choudhury, Dr Jacqui Peet, Jesse Spurr, Assoc/Prof Alison Craswell, Dr Amy Spooner, Madelyn Wells, Adam Turbutt, Prof Jed Duff, Dr Annabel Levido, Prof Samantha Keogh, Assoc/Prof Ute Bui, Ila Stuer, Meredith Nelson, Nathan Dart, Leanne Robinson, Trish Smith, Dr Amanda Corley, Joanne Sippel, Jessica Pope, Dr Natasha Roberts, Maree Ruge, Sharon Ireland

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TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
7.15am – 7.30am	Registration and Breakfast	
7.30am – 8:45am	Breakfast Workshops	
	Seminar Room 1:	Auditorium, Education Centre
	 <p>Queensland University of Technology Design Lab Dr Sarah Johnstone, Dr Claire Brophy, Dr Valeria Macalupu</p> <p><i>Unmistakably Human: Designing Care in a Digital Age</i></p> <p>This workshop explores the evolving relationship between human judgement, design, and technology in nursing and midwifery. Moving beyond tools and trends, it reframes clinicians not just as users of technology, but as active shapers of how it is designed, integrated, and experienced in care.</p>	 <p>Healthcare Excellence and Innovation Helix Hub Program Director, Nina Meloncelli <i>Starting Small: Behaviour Change that Sticks</i></p> <p>Most people don't struggle because they don't know what to do—they struggle to translate that knowledge into action in the reality of their day. This workshop focuses on how to start small in a way that actually leads somewhere. Drawing on behaviour change science and practical implementation approaches, we'll unpack why knowing the right thing often isn't enough, and what to do differently.</p> <p>Through real-world examples and simple, repeatable tools, you'll learn how to identify what's really shaping behaviour, move beyond awareness to capability and opportunity, and design changes that fit into busy clinical and everyday contexts. This is not about doing more—it's about doing the right small things, consistently, so change sticks. Join Dr Nina Meloncelli, PhD for a journey that takes you from knowing what needs to change and designing strategies to ensure people can change their behaviour for better outcomes.</p>
		 <p>Stryker</p> <p><i>Smart Care Experience. Interactive tour of Stryker</i></p> <p>This session offers a unique opportunity to engage with technology-enhanced care environments in action. An immersive, hands-on experience featuring three simulated care environments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative total knee replacement • Critical care bed space • Care of the older person
9.00am – 9.10am	Opening Remarks <i>Ben Ballard- Director of Nursing, Herston Quarter Surgical Treatment and Rehabilitation Service</i>	
9.10am – 9.15pm	Acknowledgement to Country <i>Person?</i>	
9:15 - 10am	Keynote Speaker: Prof Janelle Yorke, Prof in Health and Longevity, Hong Kong Polytechnic University <i>Title: Balancing STEM and Humanity: how should we position nursing and midwifery?</i>	
10am – 10:30am	Morning Tea (Poster Viewing and Voting)	

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10:30am – 12.00noon	Rapid Fire Presentations continued	
	Topic TBA	Session Chair <i>Prof Jed Duff, Joint QUT/RBWH Professor of Nursing, Implementation Science</i>
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Lunch (Poster Viewing and Voting)	
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1.00pm – 1.30pm	3-minute Thesis Presentation	
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1.30pm – 2.30pm	Structured Debate Topic: <i>Who Should Lead Care Decisions – Humans or Machines?</i> Chair: Jesse Spurr, Nursing & Midwifery Director for Education, RBWH	
2.30pm - 3pm	Keynote Speaker Prof Evonne Miller, Prof of Design Psychology, Queensland University of Technology <i>Title: Robots in Healthcare: The Future of Care</i>	
3.00pm – 3:30pm	Award Ceremony & Sir Ian McFarlane Awards Close	