

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

During a challenging year responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, Metro North Health is proud to share some of its highlights.

JAN 2021

- Community palliative care service introduced in aged care facilities
- New gynaecology medical pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women at RBWH
- Purpose-built modular Endoscopy Unit ('kallanmuk') opens at TPCH



MAR 2021

- Caboolture Hospital Redevelopment Project construction sum finalised
- RBWH starts Nurse Ambassador Program for disorientated and confused patients
- Fast Review and Integrated Liaison (FRIL) team optimises care for people presenting to TPCH Emergency
- TPCH's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Steering Committee welcomes consumers to support culturally appropriate care delivery



APR 2021

- Metro North's first COVID vaccination clinic opened at STARS
- TPCH opens ED Safe Space to provide specialist care for those experiencing mental health distress

JUN 2021

- 'Red Rocket' arrives to move 400 people a week around Caboolture Hospital
- Redcliffe Hospital ICU officially opened
- Rock art garden at Redcliffe Hospital created during Reconciliation Week
- #NextCare Health Conference attracts 300+ attendees.



AUG 2021

- Caboolture Hospital Redevelopment Project commenced operational commissioning
- Boondall Entertainment Centre Mass Vaccination Clinic opened
- RBWH opens dedicated ten-bed Trauma Ward



OCT 2021

- Caboolture Hospital BEMS Building site construction starts
- Redcliffe Hospital receives a Stroke Foundation Excellence Award
- Raise it for Redcliffe's first Giving Day achieves \$174,000



DEC 2021

- Hospital in the Home and Virtual Ward at Caboolture Hospital prepare for borders opening
- More than 500 staff attend Metro North Staff Excellence Awards gala dinner



FEB 2021

- STARS opened as Metro North's first digital hospital
- Home visiting pharmacists introduced to reduce hospital readmissions and improve medication safety
- Australia-first Preoperative Diabetes Optimisation Clinic opens at RBWH
- Herston Biofabrication Institute (HBI) officially opens



MAY 2021

- Kilcoy Hospital's Old Nurses Quarters upgrade completed
- Somerset Regional Council Wellness Centre opened at Kilcoy Hospital
- Patient information and entertainment platform MyStay@RBWH launched



JUL 2021

- Redcliffe Hospital school-based trainee Jasper Malthouse wins two Queensland Training Awards.
- RBWH gardening team goes eco-friendly
- Caboolture Square Shopping Centre COVID-19 vaccination clinic opened



SEP 2021

- Caboolture Rapid Access and Discharge (RAD) Allied Health weekend care team trial commences
- Metro North Hotel Quarantine Management team averages 250+ calls a day
- Queensland Milk Bank merges with Red Cross Lifeblood Milk Bank
- Herston Health Symposium attracts record number of research abstracts.
- Queensland Lung Transplant Service 25th anniversary
- TPCH Rheumatology partners with Wide Bay Health Service for care closer to home



NOV 2021

- STARS received the Premier's Award for Excellence
- 500 000 people vaccinated through our COVID-19 community vaccination clinics
- New purpose-built operating theatre storage facility under construction at RBWH

