## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Metro South Research Community & Stakeholders

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**Subject:** Metro South HREC Chair – Farewell to Dr Mary Boyde

Dear Metro South Research Community and Stakeholders,

It is with great sadness that we announce the departure of the Metro South HREC Chair, Dr Mary Boyde, from the Metro South Research team. Mary has been an invaluable member and has contributed significantly to our success.

Mary started as a HREC member back in 2011, went on to become the HREC Deputy Chair in 2017, before stepping into the role as the Metro South HREC Chair in 2021. After three and a half years of dedicated service as the HREC Chair, Mary has decided not to extend in the role and will pursue new opportunities. Her last day with us will be on the 30<sup>th of</sup> August 2024 and her presence will be sorely missed.

In the interim, we are pleased to announce Sonia Hancock has agreed to step into the position of the Metro South HREC Chair until February 2025. Many will know that Sonia is currently HREC Chair at Gold Coast Health Service (part-time), and Sonia will continue in that role.

During this time the Metro South HREC Chair role will undergo an evaluation process, after which the position will then be advertised.

Please join me in thanking Mary for her dedication and service to the team and in wishing her success and happiness in all future endeavours. We are extremely grateful for the time Mary has spent with us.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on MSH-Research@health.qld.gov.au or MSH-ethics@health.qld.gov.au.

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