Partnership expands to assist women in need

Queensland’s first hospital based Health Justice Partnership supporting women experiencing family and domestic violence will be extended to other Metro South Health facilities including Redland Hospital. (cont. page 3)
I am basically shy, so being in the spotlight is uncomfortable and accepting compliments is a particular challenge.

Quite a few people have said some very nice things to me recently. People ask if I have any plans... the stock married reply is “There is a list!”, Linda’s here... feel free to ask her.

I’d like to improve my almost non-existent golf skills, get out on my bike for exercise, travel a bit, perhaps volunteer with the RSPCA, join some sort of hobby club or night classes.

I also have some LPs to digitise, coins to re-catalogue and many books/DVDs to get through.

Away from Annie’s Coochie temptations I might even lose some weight.

This is the best job I have ever had; I shall miss it and the wonderful, award-winning multi-disciplinary team that have helped make it so. But like the Maroons, HIMS is in excellent hands to deal with the coming challenges, so it’s a good time to bow out to make room for new players. I’ll not name names, the list is too long and you all know who you are. Nevertheless, this is a time of very mixed emotions, and my cultural background discourages showing feelings in public, so I’ll follow the advice of President Roosevelt, who said “Be sincere, be brief, be seated.”

Marilla is a devotee of those principles. In the 20+ years we’ve worked together it’s become a running joke – had I shown her this it would likely read “Thank you, goodbye.” Indeed, thank you all once again.
Twelve months after the launch of the initiative at Logan Hospital, Health Justice Partnership solicitor Gail Shearer said women needing assistance at Redland, QEII and Princess Alexandra hospitals would also have access to free, on-site family law, domestic violence and child protection legal advice provided by the Women’s Legal Service.

Ms Shearer said she had received 120 referrals from hospital staff while based at Logan Hospital over the last 12 months. Gail said most of those referrals originated from Emergency Department social workers and social workers visiting new and expectant mothers in the women’s and children’s units of the hospital.

"While most of the women referred to me have been by hospital staff, 12 women also self-referred with four becoming case clients and two ladies requiring further referral to the Women’s Legal Service Domestic Violence Unit for intensive legal and social work support."

Ms Shearer said women she had assisted at Logan Hospital had primarily sought advice on parenting issues followed by domestic and family violence and property rights.

“We know primary health care clinicians see at least one woman each week who is the victim of domestic and family violence,” she said. “This makes health services the ideal settings for early intervention and safer futures for women and their children.”

Logan Hospital Director Social Work Brett Davies said he was pleased to see that around 85 per cent of referrals to the Health Justice Partnership service came from social workers.

“It demonstrates a focussed response to domestic and family violence and that women can access appropriate channels quickly,” he said.

“Having the Health Justice Partnership on site has also been very effective in raising the profile of domestic and family violence and the needs around it as well as the confidence of staff in being able to engage with women knowing they can have access to legal support on site if they choose to.”

The Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department provided $15 million in funding for the Health Justice Partnership until June 2019.
Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the Metro South Hospital and Health Board has appointed Dr Stephen Ayre as the new Chief Executive of Metro South Health. Stephen will commence in the position on Monday, 17 July after transitioning from his existing appointment as Executive Director, PAH-QEII Health Network.

Stephen is extremely well placed to lead Metro South Health into the future, with extensive experience in both health sector leadership and clinical practice, across Queensland and Australia. Notably, he led PAH during the greatest organisational change it has ever seen—the transition to become Australia’s first public Digital Hospital.

Stephen’s appointment comes at a very exciting time for Metro South Health, as we find new ways to deliver quality health care for our community, with a focus on innovation and clinical excellence. His experience leading PAH over the past three years will be particularly valuable as the rest of our health service moves towards digitalization.

We have commenced recruitment of the Executive Director, PAH-QEII Health Network position and can confirm that Dr Michael Cleary will be acting in this role over the transition.

I would like to thank Robert Mackway-Jones for his tireless work during his time as Acting Chief Executive since February this year.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Stephen on his appointment.

Kind regards,

Terry White AO
Chair Metro South Hospital and Health Board
With the Redland Hospital building now approaching twenty years old it was time for the well traversed timber foyer floors to receive some attention.

The parquetry floors in the hospital foyers were sanded and refinished over four consecutive weekends to give the foyers a fresh modern look.

The Building, Engineering and Maintenance Service (BEMS) team would like to thank staff for their cooperation during the partial closures of each area to allow the work to progress.
**2nd MSHHS Smoking Cessation Workshop**

A masterclass for all clinicians involved in providing smoking cessation brief interventions

**Monday, 31 July 2017**

12pm to 5pm

Princess Alexandra Hospital

Russell Strong Auditorium

Free to all Metro South Health staff

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For enquiries: despaul.gouveia@health.qld.gov.au

An initiative from the Metro South Smoking Cessation Clinical Pathway Project

**Minimum of 4 Group - 2 CPD points**

**SUSTAINING BREASTFEEDING**

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1-7 AUGUST 2017

WBA2017 celebrates working together for the common good, which produces sustainable results, greater than the sum of our individual efforts.

We learnt in WBA2016 the protection, promotion and support for breastfeeding are key to sustainable development.

We grouped the 17 SDGs into four Thematic Areas that relate to each other and to breastfeeding. These four groups help us to define our work in the context of the SDGs. From this year onwards, they will also help us find others to work with.

WBA 2017 will provide a platform for long-term collaboration.

For further information, action ideas and toolkits, please visit worldbreastfeedingweek.org to plan for and measure successes for the years to come.

Many hands make light work and each of us has a part to play. Let us start!

**Objectives of WABA|World Breastfeeding Week 2017**

**INFORM**

Understand the importance of the four Thematic Areas and their link to breastfeeding

**ANCHOR**

Recognise your role and the difference you make within your area of work

**ENGAGE**

Reach out to others to establish areas of common interest

**GALVANISE**

Work together to achieve the SDGs by 2030

**Using Streamline in the coming weeks to access your annual Payment Summary?**

**Why not update your contact details while you’re there?**

Metro South Health will contact staff via mobile phone should another event like that following Cyclone Debbie impact on Metro South Health facilities and their staff.

So to stay informed, make sure your mobile phone number is up-to-date and get the news first, as it happens, on your very own device.