

From the Board Chair Cheryl Vardon AO

Dear North West,

As another year comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for your effort in making sure that our patients and their families experience the joy of the festive season this holiday period. The stability and care that you provide to all who need us is at the centre of our delivery of healthcare.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the North West HHS Christmas Decoration Competition, sponsored by the Mount Isa Hospital Auxiliary. Such effort went into each design!

Also, well done to our roving Christmas Carolers. This annual performance has become a special tradition to look forward to. Our seasonal and annual rituals contribute to strong collegiality and stability across the region.

Congratulations to the 2023 North West HHS Values Awards nominees and winners. It was wonderful to see staff celebrating their well-deserved achievements. Thank you to Board Members Linda Ford and Jane McMillan for attending and representing the Board.

I spent time with the Board Chair Excellence Award winner, Anthony Rudloff, while in Mount Isa congratulating him in person. Tony is a Theatre Assistant who received 27 nominations from his co-workers and peers across all categories. Tony consistently exemplifies the NWHHS values and always goes above and beyond to assist our patients, staff and colleagues. Well done, Tony!

Board Members have been busy these past months continuing to build relationships with staff and stakeholders across the North West in formal and informal ways, participating in meetings of:

- The Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre (TAAHC) Committee
- The Queensland Clinical Senate
- The Hospital and Health Board Chairs Forum
- The Western Queensland Primary Health Network
- The Mount Isa Lead Health Management Committee
- Consumer Groups and individual consumers

I thank all staff for your continued passion and dedication to supporting our communities and look forward to continuing to see you at our North West health centres and listening to your experiences first-hand. The North West Hospital and Health Board wish you and your families a safe and joyous festive season.

Kind regards,

Cheryl

