

# Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, 4 September 2025

Queensland Children's Hospital

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Dear colleagues and community members

The September Board meeting was chaired by Heather Watson and held at the Queensland Children's Hospital. The meeting began with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and values shares reflecting on the continued success of the CHQ Excellence Awards, noting the Medal of Distinction as a particularly meaningful recognition. It was acknowledged that the awards have evolved into a well-balanced celebration of both longstanding contributions and emerging excellence. The inclusion of family members in the ceremony was highlighted as a valuable enhancement, adding depth and warmth to the occasion.

Key strategic and operational matters discussed during the Board meeting included:

- The Department of Health's new capital funding mechanism.
- The *Child Safe Organisations Act 2024 (Qld)*.
- CHQ's Health Equity Strategy 2022-2025 Impact Report.
- The Board's continued support for the Queensland Children's Gender Service.
- Regular reports and updates from the Health Service Chief Executive and the Executive Leadership Team on finance, operations, clinical governance, and strategic service priorities.

The Pacifikai team delivered a vibrant and heartfelt presentation showcasing their rebranded and expanded health promotion program for Pacific Islander children, young people, and families. Formerly known as the Good Start Program, Pacifikai has evolved through a 12-month co-design process involving over 300 children and young people across Queensland. The presentation began with a cultural welcome, including the ceremonial laying out of the *fala* (mat), symbolising a space of mutual respect and open dialogue. This gesture reflected the team's guiding principle of "connection before content" – a commitment to building trust and cultural safety before engaging in health education.

The Board also had a presentation by the Food Services team, followed by Board members visiting the Queensland Children's Hospital Food Services (Kitchen) and Formula Room areas.

During the month, members of the Board, alongside members of the Executive Leadership Team and Divisional Leadership Team, visited the Research Directorate as part of the Connect Four Pilot Program. The Connect Four Program provides an opportunity to celebrate successes of local teams and allow opportunities for feedback in a semi-structured format, fostering a safe and well work environment.

The Board expressed appreciation to Angela Young, Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement, for her significant contributions in advancing health equity and fostering strong partnerships, acknowledging her leadership, commitment, and legacy, and wished her well in her future endeavours while noting the positive impact she has made on CHQ.

The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress our commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.

Thank you to the Board members, Executive Leadership Team, CHQ staff and guests for your contributions to the meeting. We remain committed to delivering safe, high quality and person-centred care for children, young people, and families across Queensland.

Heather Watson  
Chair  
Children's Health Queensland Board



*This summary of Board discussion and decisions made does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.*