Board Meeting Summary

Friday, 4 September 2026

Queensland Children's Hospital

The Children's Health Queensland Board met in September at the Queensland Children's Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Heather Watson and began with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners.

At this meeting, the Board discussed and considered:

- Adolescent and young adult care, including opportunities to strengthen developmentally appropriate care, build organisational capability and support young people transitioning to adult health services.
- The opportunities, risks and governance considerations associated with artificial intelligence (AI), including the role of the Board in overseeing AI adoption and organisational readiness.
- Progress against the Children's Health Queensland Strategic Plan 2024–2028, including future-focused planning, innovation and organisational priorities.
- Strategic partnerships.
- Regular reports and updates from the Chief Executive and Executive Leadership Team on clinical governance, major projects, priorities and organisational performance.
- Reports from its Committees, including Audit and Risk, Finance and Performance, and Research and Education.

During the meeting, Board members visited the new Oncology Bell in the level 5 garden, hosted by members of the Arts in Health team. The Board reflected on the significance of the Oncology Bell and acknowledged the contribution of staff and supporters involved in delivering the project.

The Board recognised Jersey Day and the important contribution of organ donation, noting the story of a young donor whose gift helped six other people.

In August, Board members joined the Executive Leadership Team and Divisional leaders to visit the Switchboard team as part of the Connect Four Program. This program is an opportunity to recognise the work of local teams and create a safe space for feedback and shared learning. Board members acknowledged the important role the Switchboard team plays in supporting patients, families, visitors and staff across the organisation and recognised their commitment to service excellence.

The Board and Executive Leadership Team will continue to progress actions to support the delivery of safe, high quality and person-centred healthcare services for children and families across Queensland.

The Board also reaffirms its commitment to providing safe, high-quality and inclusive care for all children, young people and families.

Heather Watson
Chair
Children's Health Queensland Board



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