

DARLING DOWNS HOSPITAL AND HEALTH BOARD MEETING

April 2025

Summary of the key issues discussed, and decisions made by the Board

A meeting of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board (the Board) was held on Monday 28 April 2025.

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The Board enjoyed lunch with staff of Dalby Hospital.

The Board Meeting, held at Dalby Hospital, was chaired by Dr Dennis Campbell, and attended by nine (9) Board Members.

The Board reviewed and approved:

- Board Committee Memberships and Portfolios.
 - Noting that Board Member, Merrilyn Strohfeldt has been appointed Chair of the Board Audit and Risk Committee.
- Health Equity Strategy 2022-2025 Review Plan.
- Annual Research Report 2024.

Annette Scott PSM, Health Service Chief Executive, provided a comprehensive report to the Board on the operations, activity, and governance of DDHHS in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.

A range of matters were considered at the Board meeting including:

- Receipt and noting of reports from Board Executive, Board Finance, Board Safety and Quality and Board Health Equity Committee Meetings.
- Receipt of regular internal updates relating to:
 - Infrastructure and ICT.
 - Aged Care.
 - Southern Queensland Rural Health.
 - 2026 Board and Committee Meetings Schedule.
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service, Executive Summary Quarter 3, 2025.

Tuesday 29 April 2025

The Director of Nursing accompanied the Board on a tour of Dalby Hospital, highlighting the extension to the Pathology lab and a new sexual health clinic in the Western Downs. The Maternity ward had a busy last 24 hours with four (4) babies born within a 12-hour period.



Extension of the Pathology Lab - Dalby Hospital



Board members on a tour of the Maternity Ward - Dalby Hospital

The Board then travelled to Oakey and took the opportunity to host a morning with tea with staff and residents at Oakey Hospital. The Acting Director of Nursing led the Board on a tour of Oakey Hospital noting how much the residents, and their friends and families, enjoy the new outdoor area, overlooking the farmland behind.



New outdoor area - Oakey Hospital