

# DARLING DOWNS HOSPITAL AND HEALTH BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 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 Tuesday 23 September 2025, at Toowoomba Hospital, was chaired by Dr Ross Hetherington and attended by six (6) Board Members.

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.

The Board reviewed and approved the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Equity Strategy and Implementation Plan 2025-2028.

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

- Receipt and noting of reports from Board Executive and Board Finance Committee Meetings.
- Receipt of regular internal updates relating to:
  - Infrastructure and ICT
  - Aged Care
  - Consumer and Community Engagement

The Board participated in a tour of the kitchen facilities during peak lunch service, when staff prepare approximately 2,000 meals daily across the Toowoomba and Baillie Henderson Hospitals. A new meal ordering system has been introduced, which is expected to significantly reduce food wastage.

Following the tour of the kitchen facilities, the Board continued on to the Theatre department for a tour of the new theatre wards and caught a glimpse of the Da Vinci Robot. Afterwards, the Board took the opportunity to have lunch with Theatre staff.