



## DARLING DOWNS HOSPITAL AND HEALTH BOARD MEETING

October 2024

A Meeting of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board (the Board) was held on Monday 28 October and Tuesday 29 October 2024.

### Monday 28 October 2024

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

Pete Trethewie (Director, Projects, Property and Planning) and Athol Gossow (Site Supervisor, GFG Projects) took the Board members on a tour of the recently refurbished Rush Building on the Baillie Henderson Campus. The building was originally built in the early 1890s and will now provide office spaces for DDHHS staff. The building has been restored to provide modern office spaces with acoustic sound panels, whilst also preserving the past. Exposed sections of the ceiling showcase traditional corbel beams, tongue and groove flooring and a polished copper tank that was found onsite, lovingly restored by GFG Projects and showcased through a glass ceiling.

### Tuesday 29 October 2024

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

The Board reviewed and approved, in principle, to the Proposed Location of the New QAS Station and Operations Centre on the Baillie Henderson Hospital Campus and reviewed and approved the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2025/26 to 2034/35.

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:
  - Work Health and Safety
  - Infrastructure
  - Aged Care
- Regional Needs Assessment and Joint Regional Needs Assessment.
- Baillie Henderson Master Campus Overview.
- Safety and Quality Report - Gastroenterology & Colonoscopy CCS update.

This month, alongside the Health Service Chief Executive, the Board attended a tour of Medical Units 1, 2 and 3. The pressure on the health service is keenly felt in these medical units where elderly and sick patients are often admitted and stay for prolonged periods of time. Patients across these wards have many complex needs and can require additional nursing support. The visit was incredibly insightful to the challenges faced, and the ways staff are working together to overcome them.

The Board took the opportunity to hold a Thank you Luncheon with the staff of the Toowoomba Hospital Medical Unit.