

organisation

Senior executive team

Dr Robert Stable

Adjunct Professor (University of Queensland and James Cook University), MBBS (Qld), MHP (NSW), D Univ (QUT), FRACGP, FRACMA, FCHSE, CHE, FAIM

Dr Robert Stable was appointed Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Health in 1996. Dr Stable began his career in clinical practice in 1976. His current specific interests include organisational development, strategic health leadership and addressing imbalances in health status. Dr Stable was appointed Chair of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) in 2000.

Dr Steve Buckland

MBBS (Qld), MHA (NSW), DAvMed, FAFOM (RACP), MRACMA, AFCHSE, CHE

Dr Steve Buckland was appointed General Manager Health Services in 2002, following the retirement of Dr John Youngman. He is effectively the chief of operations and his portfolio responsibilities include clinical service provision in the public and non-government sector, public health, pathology and scientific services, information management services, organisational improvement, procurement strategy and safety and quality. A registered specialist in occupational medicine, Dr Buckland has also served in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Ms Norelle Deeth

BA, BComm, DipEd, FAICD

Ms Deeth joined Queensland Health as Deputy Director-General (Policy and Outcomes) in September 2002. Prior to that, she was Assistant Under-Treasurer, Queensland Treasury, responsible for the resources, health and community services portfolios. As Deputy Director-General, she is responsible for Queensland Health's strategic and business planning framework, budget, health service delivery capital infrastructure, and information and business management policy and strategy.

Dr Gerry FitzGerald

MD BS, BHA, FACEM, FRACMA, FCHSE

Before becoming Queensland Health's Chief Health Officer in 2002, Dr FitzGerald was Commissioner of the Queensland Ambulance Service. He is a specialist in Emergency Medicine and Medical Administration, and an Adjunct Professor with The University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology. His portfolio includes quality, standards and clinical risk management, health and medical research, licensing of private health facilities and professional medical education.



Queensland Health is a great organisation with excellent staff who are committed to providing and facilitating the best possible health services for around 3.8 million Queenslanders. A good health system optimises health status for the whole community. It provides efficient and effective services which are relevant to the people it serves. It focuses not only on the appropriate technology and workforce available today but also on future technology and workforce. That is what we do in Queensland Health."



The breadth and complexity of the role is a constant challenge. In the last year, we have dealt with the medical indemnity 'crisis', EB5, the VMOs' agreement and many other issues that impact on our staff, the community and the therapeutic environment in which we operate. All of this emphasises the value of high performing teams. Every day I see our corporate values evident in the behaviour of our staff. This, combined with their high technical skill, makes my job that much easier and satisfying."



No day in Queensland Health is ever the same. The work is challenging, interesting, varied and meaningful, and that translates into real job satisfaction for me. The biggest challenge we face is maintaining the sustainability and quality of our public health system. An ageing and growing population, chronic disease, health inequalities, escalating costs, workforce shortages - they all demand continuous innovation and reform. Our highly trained and dedicated staff, world-class facilities and proven track record will enable us to meet those challenges."



I went into medical administration to create systems that ensure patients are looked after. Working in Queensland Health allows me to do just that. Quite simply, we exist to look after sick people. Our health system faces a whole range of pressures and challenges, but we can meet those because we are one organisation. We are uniquely placed to drive improvements in health care, and we do this by thinking 'outside the square' and focusing on the needs of our patients."