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## QPHF Member Organisations

- Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine - Qld
- Australian Health Promotion Association - Qld
- Australian Institute of Environmental Health - Qld
- Australian Department of Health & Ageing - Qld
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy
- Department of Families
- Diabetes Australia - Qld
- Education Queensland
- James Cook University
- Local Government Association of Queensland
- National Heart Foundation of Australia - Qld
- Public Health Association of Australia - Qld
- Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Forum
- Queensland Cancer Fund
- Queensland Centre for Public Health
- Queensland Council of Social Service
- Queensland Divisions of General Practice
- Queensland Health

## The Goal of QPHF



# What is the Queensland Public Health Forum (QPHF)?

QPHF is a strategic leadership alliance of 18 government and non-government organisations with a commitment to improving public health outcomes in Queensland. The QPHF partnering approach capitalises on each organisation's expertise and areas of influence to develop the most appropriate course of action for intervention in key public health issues. This collaborative approach provides benefits in terms of integrating public health initiatives, minimising duplication of effort and defining a clear strategic position to advocate.

QPHF has identified key public health issues which will respond to effective intervention strategies and has developed a process for the advancement of these issues. QPHF also encourages research and workforce development that will facilitate sustainable public health outcomes and supports public health developments which are consistent with the purpose and goal of the QPHF.

## Purpose Statement

The Queensland Public Health Forum facilitates collaboration between organisations with the aim of maximising public health outcomes.

## Goal

To improve the health status of the individuals and communities of Queensland – Healthy Queenslanders, Healthy Communities.

## Background

The establishment of the Queensland Public Health Forum was the major outcome of the Public Health Partnerships in Queensland Symposium, which was held in July 1998. Over 240 representatives attended the Symposium from government, non-government, private and tertiary education sectors. There was a significant level of agreement by Symposium participants that there were opportunities to strengthen the way organisations involved in public health worked together, both in terms of strategic alignments and networking to implement strategies.

# Guiding principles for the conduct of QPHF activities

- Strengthening partnerships and cooperation between agencies utilising a public health approach;
- Promoting policy alignment and compatibility across government and non-government organisations' public health programs;
- Promoting the concept that good health involves social, cultural, environmental, economic and other determinants;
- Improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other vulnerable groups in Queensland;
- Reducing health inequalities;
- Facilitating cooperation in policy planning and program delivery;
- Adopting consultative processes to identify and foster partnership opportunities;
- Innovation, flexibility and continuous improvement will underpin the activities of QPHF.

## QPHF Process for Advancement of a Public Health Issue



## Facilitating the work of QPHF

QPHF has a four person Executive, including an elected Chair. The full time Executive Officer position supports QPHF in achieving its objectives. Working groups consisting of QPHF members, staff from member organisations and people with relevant experience from non-member organisations work on the priorities of QPHF as identified through its Strategic Directions and annual workplan. Current working groups are Food & Nutrition, Research & Workforce Development, Physical Activity and Tobacco.

# What are the benefits of QPHF ?

The partnering approach modelled by QPHF galvanises the efforts and actions of each partner including their strengths, expertise, areas of influence and existing investments.

🗨️ This approach realises benefits in terms of integrating public health initiatives and minimising duplication of effort.

🗨️ The QPHF provides practical recommendations for action based on broad consideration of evidence and the consequences of public health issues for the individuals and communities of Queensland.

## Priorities

- Food and nutrition
  - Eat Well Queensland
- Research & workforce development
- Physical activity
- Tobacco
- Indigenous health
- Responding to public health developments & emerging issues



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