

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

RMO Campaign 2023

Junior Medical Workforce Service

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Hospital facilities

Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (CHHHS) covers an area of 142,900 square kilometres, ranging from Tully in the south, Cow Bay in the north and Croydon in the west. The HHS outer western region encompasses extremely remote communities. CHHHS includes 9 hospitals, 11 primary health sites and 9 community health centres, as well as mental health facilities and specialist services.



The CHHHS supports a population of 283,197 which is forecast to grow by 9% by 2026, with the highest level of growth occurring within the 65 and over age group. Tourism is a key industry and contributes to a relatively high transient population. It is estimated that 14% of the population are Indigenous Australian, compared to 4% for Queensland as a whole.

The CHHHS delivers health services across the continuum of care and also provides services to the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service. Some higher-level acute services are provided outside the CHHHS area in Townsville or Brisbane.

Employment conditions

Award conditions apply - Medical Officers (Queensland Health) Award - State 2015 in conjunction with Medical Officer (Queensland Health) Certified Agreement (No.5) 2019 (MOCA 5)

Community and lifestyle

The People / Socio Demographics

Cairns is home to approximately 165,000 people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This adds to the cosmopolitan feel of the place. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, as well as South Pacific Islanders maintain strong links to the area. Most denominations are catered for. All major service organisations are active in Cairns. There is also a Royal Flying Doctor base located here.

Places of Interest

For some it's the reef, islands and beach lifestyle of the northern beaches that are the greatest attractions – Fitzroy and Green Islands, Palm Cove, Port Douglas, and many opportunities for scuba diving on the GBR.

For others it's the stunning rainforests and natural attractions – the Daintree and Cape Tribulation and further north. Then there is also the amazing Tablelands district with its many attractions (waterfalls, markets, food, art, sporting) etc

The city of Cairns itself is quite diverse and multicultural. Cairns also attracts those interested in a sporting lifestyle – mountain biking, triathlons, ironman events even quirky events such as the annual 3 day Wheelbarrow Race. <http://www.cairns-greatbarrierreef.org.au/>

Other attractions in the area include the historic Botanical Gardens, The Esplanade, the scenic Kuranda area, fishing on the reef, white water rafting and the Barron Gorge. The many parks and gardens as well as the incomparable reef make Cairns a great place to explore.



Real Estate and Accommodation

The majority of the area's housing is privately owned. The area is well served for rental accommodation. The council is encouraging unit, villa and apartment-style development, especially in the Central Business District.

RMO education and training opportunities

Education sessions:

- Grand Rounds / Journal clubs
- Individual unit / department teaching
- Advanced Rural Clinical Skills (ARCS) course
- Skills Centre
- RMO teaching program (usually skills based fortnightly training sessions)

Junior and Senior House officers (144)

Full range of specialties including core RG rotations, RG training posts and relieving Resident Medical Officers.

- Critical Care Stream (PGY3+ only)
- Anaesthetics (only available for Critical Care Stream and RGT)
- RFDS (PGY2 only)
- ICU
- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Orthopaedics
- Emergency Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Rural Rotations
 - Atherton
 - Innisfail
 - Mareeba
 - Mossman
 - Tully
 - Thursday Island
 - Weipa
 - Cooktown



- Medicine Specialties
 - Cardiology
 - Endocrinology
 - Gastroenterology
 - General Medicine
 - Geriatrics
 - Haematology
 - Medical Assessment Unit
 - Oncology
 - Infectious diseases
 - Renal
 - Rehabilitation
- Thoracic medicine
- Palliative Care
- Surgical Specialties
 - Vascular Surgery
 - Urology
 - Plastic Surgery
 - Maxillofacial Surgery
 - ENT
 - Ophthalmology
 - Surgical Relief

Registrars & Principal House Officers

- Anaesthetics
- ICU
- Emergency Medicine
- Medical Administration
- Medical Education
- Surgery
 - ENT
 - General Surgery
 - Orthopaedics
 - Ophthalmology
 - Plastic Surgery/Maxillofacial Surgery
 - Urology
- Sexual Health
- Internal Medicine
 - Chief Medical Registrar
 - Nephrology
 - Neurology
 - Rheumatology & Immunology
 - Respiratory
 - Geriatrics
 - Palliative Care
 - Rehabilitation
 - Outreach Medicine
 - Obstetric Medicine
 - Cardiology
 - Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General Medicine
- Haematology
- Oncology
- Infectious Diseases
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Psychiatry
 - Adult General
 - Consultation Liaison
 - Child & Youth
 - Old age
 - Forensic
 - Outreach
 - Medical Education
 - ATODS
 - Adult General Outreach
 - Child 7 Youth Outreach

Rural

- Mareeba
- Atherton
- Innisfail
- Tully
- Mossman
- Babinda

Advanced Rural Skills Posts

- Anaesthetics,
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology,
- Emergency Medicine
- Mental Health
- Internal Medicine



Specialist Training

From Internship to fellowship, CHHHS has accredited basic and advanced training positions across multiple disciplines:

- ACEM
- ACCRM
- ANZCA
- CICM
- RACGP
- RACMA
- RACP
- RACS
- RANZCOG
- RA
- NZCP

Clinical Provisional Fellows

- Anaesthetics
- Intensive Care

Senior Medical staff

In addition to the Executive Director of Medical Services, Cairns Hospital and Rural Director of Medical Services, CHHHS employs approximately 420 consultants working across Cairns Hospital and surrounding rural facilities in either a full-time, part-time, casual or Visiting Medical Officer (VMO) capacity.

Clinical service profile

Cairns Hospital provides community and specialist hospital services for Cairns and its immediate surroundings and is the major referral centre for Tropical North Queensland. Services include all major health specialties (medicine, surgery, women's health, paediatrics and mental health) and more than 30 sub-specialties. The hospital also is a major provider of outreach specialist services to remote and rural areas, including obstetrics and gynaecology, anaesthetics, orthopaedics, general medicine, renal medicine, diabetes and thoracic medicine.

Cairns Hospital is Australia's first large-scale regional Digital Hospital, leading the way in health care information and technology. We're connecting patients, clinicians and health services through fully integrated digital healthcare

Hospital Services:

24-hour acute care
Accident and emergency
Aged care
Cardiac Services
Child and youth health
Gynaecology
Intensive care
Medical
Mental health
Obstetric
Oncology
Peri-operative
Rehabilitation unit
Special Care Baby Unit
Surgical

Clinics Available

Amputee
Cardiology
Cystic fibrosis
Diabetes
Ear, nose, throat (ENT)
Emergency medicine
Endocrinology
Gastroenterology
General surgery
Genetics
Geriatrics
Gynaecology
Haematology
Infectious diseases
Intensive care
Metabolic

Community Health

Dental
Hepatitis C
Sexual health

Specialist Services

Aged care
Alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) service
Cardiac Health Team (Heart Failure, Cardiac Rehabilitation)
Cardiology
Continence advisory service
Diabetes
Emergency medicine
Endocrinology
ENT surgery



Allied Health Services

Child development unit
 Clinical measurement services
 Dietetics
 Occupational therapy
 Oral health dental services
 Pharmacy
 Physiotherapy
 Psychology
 Radiographers
 Social work
 Speech Pathology

Outreach Services

Anaesthetics
 Cardiac Outreach including Echo
 Dental
 General medicine
 General surgery
 Geriatrics
 Gynaecology
 Mental health
 Obstetric
 Orthopaedic
 Paediatrics

Neurology
 Neurosurgery
 Obstetrics
 Oncology
 Ophthalmology
 Oral surgery
 Orthopaedic oncology
 Orthopaedics
 Paediatric cardiology
 Paediatric dermatology
 Paediatric ophthalmology
 Paediatric surgery
 Paediatrics
 Pathology
 Psychiatry
 Radiation oncology
 Radiology
 Renal medicine
 Renal transplant
 Rheumatology
 Scoliosis
 Sleep clinic
 Thoracic medicine
 Urology
 Vascular surgery

Gastroenterology
 General medicine
 General surgery
 Genetic counselling
 Geriatrics
 Gynaecology
 Haematology
 Infectious diseases
 Intensive care
 Medical imaging
 Mental health
 Neonatal
 Neurology
 Obstetrics
 Oncology
 Ophthalmology
 Oral surgery
 Orthopaedics
 Paediatrics
 Pain service
 Pathology
 Plastic corrective surgery
 Psychiatry
 Radiology
 Renal medicine
 Respiratory
 Rheumatology
 Sexual health
 Thoracic medicine
 Urology
 Vascular surgery
 Wound Management

