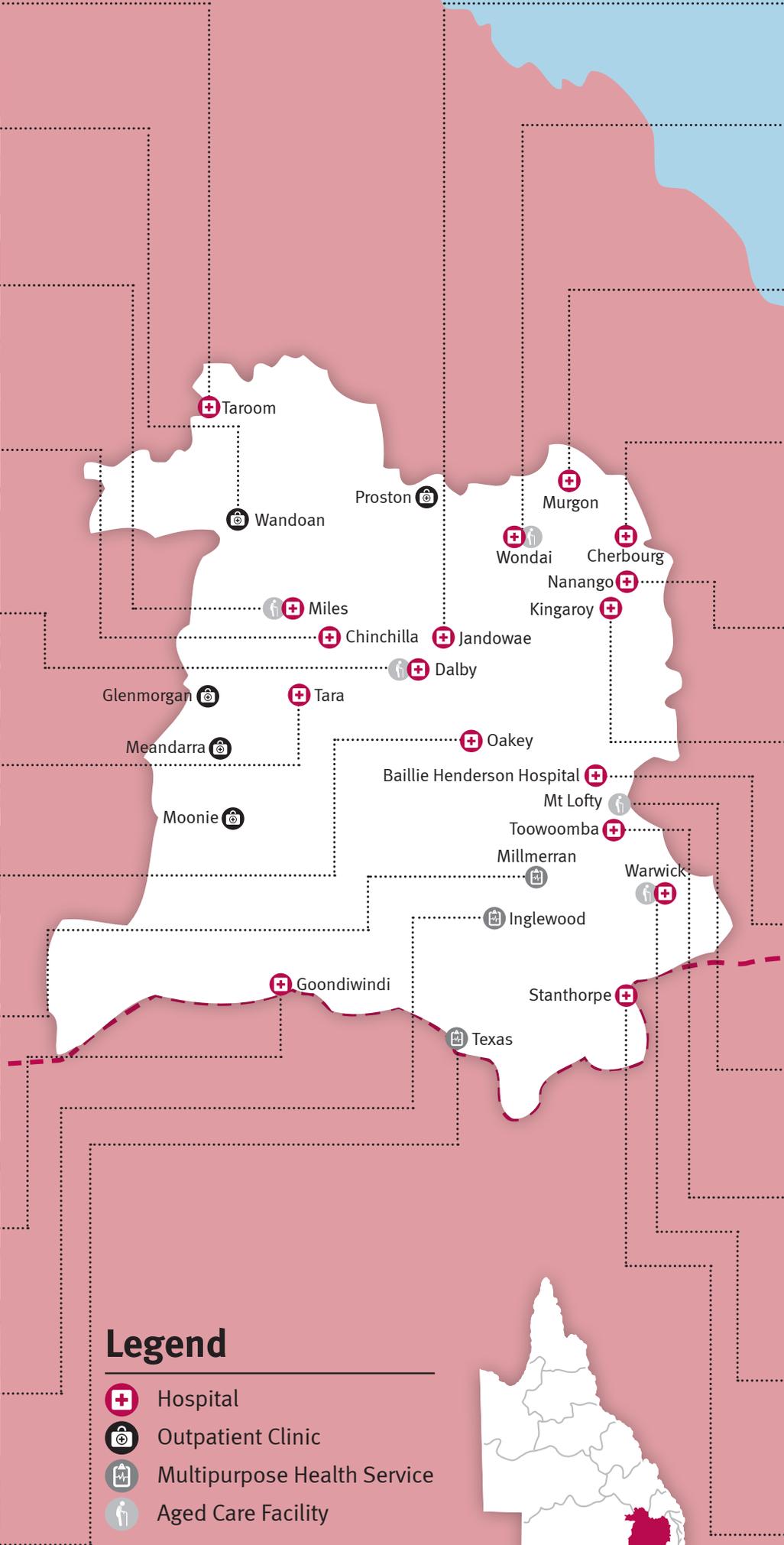


Our facilities



Legend

-  Hospital
-  Outpatient Clinic
-  Multipurpose Health Service
-  Aged Care Facility



About us

The Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) is an independent statutory body governed by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board (the Board), which reports to the Minister for Health. DDHHS was established as a statutory body on 1 July 2012. Our responsibilities are set out in legislation through the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* (the Act) and the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* and subordinate legislation.

The DDHHS has four strategic approaches to deliver on its purpose; delivering quality healthcare services in partnership with our communities:

- Delivering quality healthcare
- Ensuring resources are sustainable
- Ensuring processes are clear
- Ensuring dedicated trained staff.

Our Strategic Plan articulates how the DDHHS delivers on the Queensland Government's priority of strengthening the public health system, in line with the objectives for the community to create jobs and a diverse economy, deliver quality frontline services, protect the environment and build safe, caring and connected communities.

Our role

DDHHS operates according to a service agreement with the Department of Health which identifies the services to be provided, the funding arrangements for our services, the performance indicators and targets to ensure outcomes are achieved.

The service is responsible for the direct management of facilities and services including hospitals, multipurpose health services (MPHS), residential aged care services and outpatients clinics (OPC) and we deliver clinical services from 26 locations.

We are one of the largest employers in the Darling Downs, employing more than 4,900 people, and in 2014-15 had revenues of more than \$643 million.

The majority of the residents in our region receive public hospital inpatient care at our facilities, either at their local hospital or at Toowoomba Hospital. Patients are at times required to travel to Brisbane to access some types of specialist services only offered at tertiary facilities.

Our region

Geographically, DDHHS provides services across an area of approximately 90,000 square kilometres, covering the local government areas of the Toowoomba Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council, Southern Downs Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and part of the Banana Shire Council (community of Taroom).

In 2014 the estimated resident population of the DDHHS area was just under 280,000 people. The population is projected to increase by approximately 1.2 per cent annually to just under 300,000 people by 2021. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians made up 4.2 per cent of the DDHHS population which is higher than the State's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of 3.6 per cent.

Our services

DDHHS provides a comprehensive range of hospital services including inpatient and outpatient services, surgical sub-specialties, medical sub-specialties, and diagnostic services.

Our integrated mental health service provides specialist services across a number of clinical programs through Toowoomba Hospital, Baillie Henderson Hospital and rural communities. DDHHS also operates six residential aged care services.

We offer community and primary health services including: aged care assessment, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health programs, child and maternal health services, alcohol and other drug services, home care services, community health, sexual health service, allied health services, oral health, and public health programs.