

Department of Health Gifts and Benefits Register

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Date Given or Received	Description of Gift or Benefit	Value	Name of Donor	Name of Recipient	Gifts Received: a) Retained by Employee or b) Retained by Qhealth	Reasons for Accepting or Giving (what is the benefit to the Qld Community)
10/02/2026	Invitation to attend annual fundraising event with accompanying guest - 2026 Ambulance Wish Queensland (AWQ) Gala Dinner on Saturday, 20 June 2026 at Hillstone, St Lucia.	\$ 320.00	The Board and CEO, Palliative Care Queensland	Alex Thompson	a	Attendance enabled Mr Thompson to represent the Queensland Ambulance Service Commissioner in his official capacity and support Ambulance Wish Queensland, a community-focused palliative and end-of-life care initiative. Participation strengthens sector relationships and promotes compassionate care that supports dignity, comfort and connection for Queenslanders with life-limiting illness and their carers.
13/05/2026	Travel scholarship - return airline travel (Brisbane-Melbourne) and accommodation (4 nights) to attend the joint Australasian HIV&AIDS and Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Conferences in Melbourne from 14 to 17 September 2026.	\$ 1,000.00	Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM)	Susan Greenbank	a	The travel scholarship supports attendance as an invited speaker at the HIV&AIDS conference. Presenting Department expertise and participating in sector-wide knowledge exchange strengthens collaboration and informs evidence-based approaches to HIV prevention, care and policy, supporting improved health outcomes for Queensland communities.
29/05/2026	Sponsor coordinated education event inclusive of travel and accommodation	\$ 700.00	Stryker Mako	Catherine McDougall	a	Attendance at the MAKO robotics user education event provides professional development directly relevant to contemporary robotic surgical practice. Knowledge gained can support informed clinical leadership, safe adoption and effective use of technology, contributing to quality patient care and health service improvement in Queensland.
2/06/2026	Travel scholarship - return airline travel (Brisbane-Perth) and accommodation (3 nights) + breakfast to attend the 16th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference in Fremantle from 12 to 14 August 2026.	\$ 1,400.00	Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM)	Carla Gorton	a	The travel scholarship enables engagement with health professionals, researchers, policymakers, community organisations and people with lived experience at the Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference. Knowledge exchange and collaboration on innovation and effective practice strengthen Queensland's response to viral hepatitis and support improved prevention, care and health outcomes.
4/06/2026	Flights and accommodation to attend "One Fire, Many Flames" Symposium in Adelaide	\$ 2,000.00	One Fire Many Flames Conference Committee	Melina Connors	a	Attendance as a keynote speaker at the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and child symposium enables sharing of Queensland expertise and learning from programs, strategies and projects being implemented nationally. The knowledge exchange supports development of maternal and child health approaches and improved outcomes for First Nations communities.
16/06/2026	Travel cost	\$ 250.00	Anna Santos	Lawrence Ariotti	a	Participation as a NATA technical assessor in water microbiology provides direct benefit to the Department by strengthening understanding of ISO 17025 accreditation requirements that can inform future Public Health Microbiology laboratory assessments. The experience also builds technical capability in quality assurance and training, supporting reliable laboratory services and protection of public health.
18/06/2026	Day Pass to Federation of Sterilizing Research Advisory Councils of Australia (FSRACA) 2026 National Conference	\$ 360.00	Nectar Creative Communications	Liam Duffield	a	Attendance enables discussion of work on the challenges associated with reprocessing orthopaedic implants. Sharing this work supports risk-minimisation strategies, reduces potential patient harm and strengthens the capability of sterilising personnel to advocate for safe practices, providing a direct benefit to health services and patients.
22/06/2026	Flights, accommodation, meals and transport	\$ 1,426.59	Dr Jacqueline Murdoch	Andrew van den Hurk	a	Attendance supports Andrew's role on the Aedes albopictus Eradication Program Technical Advisory Group, which provides expert advice on controlling this invasive mosquito in the Torres Strait. Participation supports the Commonwealth-funded program's work to prevent establishment on the Australian mainland, thereby protecting the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders.
26/06/2026	Flights, accommodation, meals and transport	\$ 1,080.00	Sheley Sanders	Luke Johnson	a	Participation as a NATA peer assessor strengthens staff knowledge of accreditation and quality requirements relevant to Pathology Queensland laboratories. This supports ongoing laboratory accreditation, quality assurance and reliable pathology testing for Queensland patients.
26/06/2026	Flights, accommodation, meals and transport	\$ 1,589.27	Karl Gonzalvo	Tatiana Komarova	a	Participation as a NATA technical assessor recognises the officer's specialist expertise in chemical analysis and supports knowledge exchange on accreditation requirements, regulatory standards and contemporary laboratory practices. The experience strengthens PEHRL's technical capability and quality assurance practices, supporting reliable laboratory services and public health outcomes for the Queensland community.
26/06/2026	Complimentary full day, non-member conference registration for Friday, 26 June	\$ 835.00	Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ)	Catherine McDougall	a	Attendance at the RDAQ conference supports stakeholder engagement and collaboration with the rural medical sector. The engagement provides an opportunity to exchange information on issues affecting rural and remote health services and to strengthen relationships that support effective health system leadership and improved access to care for Queensland communities.

26/06/2026	Flights Brisbane/Canberra for National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) meeting 11-12 August	\$ 1,000.00	Kimberley Glass	Marianne Gale	b	Travel to the NHMRC meeting supports Department engagement with national health and medical research leadership, including access to authoritative evidence and discussion of research priorities and funding opportunities. This supports evidence-informed health advice and strengthens Queensland's capacity to translate research into improved health policy and outcomes.
22/07/2026	Flights, accommodation, meals and transport	\$ 1,900.00	Jana Clayton	Sanmarie Schlebusch	a	Participation in NATA governance is directly relevant to Pathology Queensland as NATA is the accreditation body for its laboratories. Board participation and associated governance development strengthen understanding of accreditation, standards compliance and emerging issues, while contributing Departmental scientific expertise to national oversight. This supports the safety, reliability and quality of testing services relied upon by Queenslanders.
22/07/2026	Flights, accommodation, meals and transport	\$ 1,018.00	Melanie Gonzalez	Mark Bromley	a	Participation in the NATA assessment and associated quality assurance activities strengthens technical assessment capability and supports ongoing accreditation of Pathology Queensland laboratories. This contributes to accurate, high-quality laboratory results and safe, reliable services for Queensland patients.
22/07/2026	Flights, accommodation and meals	\$ 913.00	Australian Group for Antimicrobial Resistance (AGAR)	James Stewart	a	Attendance at the Australian Group for Antimicrobial Resistance Committee meeting supports national antimicrobial resistance surveillance and enables Queensland data and experience to inform future directions. As the Cairns Laboratory contributes surveillance isolates and data, participation strengthens surveillance capability and supports public health responses to antimicrobial resistance in Queensland.
23/07/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 858.00	PHLN Secretariat	Amy Jennison	a	Attendance supports Dr Jennison's role as Chair of the Public Health Laboratory Network and participation in the Australian Health Protection Council. It ensures laboratory expertise informs national communicable-disease surveillance, prevention and control decisions, including matters relevant to Queensland, strengthening public health networks, preparedness and protection of the Queensland community.
30/07/2026	Flights, accommodation and meals	\$ 1,003.85	Australian Group for Antimicrobial Resistance (AGAR)	Annika Klein	a	Attendance at the Australian Group for Antimicrobial Resistance Committee meeting supports national antimicrobial resistance surveillance and enables Queensland laboratory data and experience to inform future directions and associated research. As the Cairns Laboratory contributes surveillance isolates and data, participation strengthens surveillance capability and supports public health responses to antimicrobial resistance in Queensland.
30/07/2026	Flights, accommodation and transport	\$ 1,246.05	Royal College of Pathologists Australasia	Kyra Thompson	a	Participation in the RCPA Training Site Accreditation Committee enables Department expertise to contribute to alignment of pathology training accreditation with Australian Medical Council standards. It also provides direct insight into standards affecting Pathology Queensland training sites, supporting high-quality pathology training and, ultimately, the quality and sustainability of pathology services for the community.
4/08/2026	Flights, accommodation, allowance and insurance	\$ 3,491.58	Mieke Hutchinson-Kerr	Bianca Graves	a	Attendance supports Dr Graves' contribution to the in-country review of the revised antibiotic section of the Therapeutic Guidelines for Tuvalu through her Pacific Regional Infectious Diseases Association role. The work strengthens regional infectious-disease networks and antimicrobial guidance, while providing knowledge and experience relevant to Queensland Health's infectious-disease and antimicrobial stewardship capability.
7/08/2026	Airfare	\$ 504.00	Australian Group for Antimicrobial Resistance (AGAR)	Anna Hume	a	Attendance at the national blood culture surveillance antimicrobial susceptibility testing meeting enables discussion of critical antimicrobial resistance, genomic mechanisms and related research. Participation strengthens Queensland laboratory knowledge and national surveillance connections, supporting timely detection and response to antimicrobial resistance and better protection of public health.
15/08/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 510.00	Hologic	Rachael McKeon	a	The ThinPrep non-gynaecological training supports specialist training in Anatomical Pathology and develops cytology capability that can be applied in Queensland services. This strengthens workforce capability and supports high-quality diagnostic services and patient care for the Queensland community.
17/08/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 1,294.00	AusTrakka	Amy Jennison	a	Attendance at the AusTrakka annual meeting supports Dr Jennison's national genomics governance roles and ensures Queensland Health expertise and priorities are represented in strategic planning for pathogen genomics and surveillance. The engagement strengthens relationships with jurisdictional laboratories and the Australian CDC and supports surveillance and outbreak-response capability benefiting Queensland.
18/08/2026	Flights, accommodation and registration	\$ 3,500.00	National Neisseria Network	Kerri Le	a	Attendance supports the Public Health Microbiology Laboratory's role as Queensland's State Reference Laboratory and its longstanding participation in the National Neisseria Network. Participation enables Queensland surveillance data and expertise to inform national approaches to meningococcal and gonococcal disease, including emerging antimicrobial resistance. Presenting and contributing to technical discussions strengthens laboratory capability, surveillance and public health responses that support protection of the Queensland community.

20/08/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 850.00	Hologic	Fleur Francis	a	As a key operator of the Hologic Panther Fusion analyser used by the Townsville laboratory, attendance provides current technical information and user-network connections relevant to the instrument. Applying this knowledge supports safe and effective operation, laboratory capability and reliable diagnostic services for Queensland patients.
24/08/2026	Travel and accommodation	\$ 1,800.00	New Zealand Infection Prevention and Control Association	Belinda Henderson	a	Attendance as a keynote speaker at the NZIPC Conference enables sharing of Queensland expertise in infection prevention and control and engagement with sector professionals. The opportunity supports knowledge exchange and promotes Queensland approaches to infection prevention and control, contributing to improved practice and health service outcomes.
27/08/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 4,600.00	World Health Organisation	Sushil Pandey	a	Participation in the WHO technical consultation enables Queensland Mycobacterium Reference Laboratory expertise to contribute to international prequalification requirements for targeted NGS-based tuberculosis diagnostics. It provides early access to emerging technical and policy developments that can strengthen Queensland tuberculosis diagnostic capability, drug-resistance testing, public health preparedness and patient outcomes.
27/08/2026	Flights, accommodation, meals and transport	\$ 1,588.00	Trudie Harris	Ben Lundie	a	Attendance supports Dr Lundie's role as chief investigator in collaborative research focused on renal disease, including projects relevant to Far North Queensland and First Nations communities. The meeting enables review of project outcomes and planning of future funded work, strengthening research collaboration and evidence that can inform improved health services and outcomes for Queensland communities.
28/08/2026	Annual registrations 2020 - 2026	\$ 4,570.00	National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA)	Sanmarie Schlebusch	a	Participation in NATA governance is directly relevant to Pathology Queensland as NATA is the accreditation body for its laboratories. Board participation and associated governance development strengthen understanding of accreditation, standards compliance and emerging issues, while contributing Departmental scientific expertise to national oversight. This supports the safety, reliability and quality of testing services relied upon by Queenslanders.
31/08/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 1,497.85	Tuyet Hoang, AusTrakka	Krystalyn Martin	a	Attendance at the AusTrakka Executive Group Strategic Planning Meeting is directly relevant to Ms Martin's duties as co-chair of the national Analysis Team and moderator for meeting sessions. Participation ensures Queensland Health expertise and interests are represented in future planning and supports continued national pathogen-genomics collaboration and capability relevant to Queensland public health surveillance.
1/09/2026	AUSMAT EMT Coordination Cell Training	\$ 3,500.00	National Critical Care Trauma Response Center	Rachael Jackson	a	Attendance at AUSMAT EMT Coordination Cell training supports Ms Jackson's role as an AUSMAT member representing Queensland Health. The training strengthens emergency medical team coordination and deployment capability, supporting Queensland Health preparedness and the capacity to respond effectively to major health emergencies.
4/09/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 1,206.38	Alex Whelan	Sonali Coulter	a	Attendance as an invited guest speaker enables Dr Coulter to contribute Department expertise to an educational meeting supporting the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation. The engagement supports knowledge exchange and stronger sector relationships relevant to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
7/09/2026	Invitation to the Townsville Media Awards (23/10/2026)	\$ 150.00	North Queensland Media Awards (NQMA)	Max Dudley	a	Acceptance supports the Department's health system leadership by strengthening relationships with North Queensland media and enabling direct engagement with the Townsville HHS media and communications team and local sites. These relationships support effective communication of health information and departmental priorities to the Queensland community.
10/09/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 787.83	Hologic Australia and NZ	Natalie Nelson	a	As a key operator of the Hologic Panther/Fusion analyser used by the Cairns Laboratory, attendance provides current and emerging technical information and connections with other users. Applying this knowledge supports safe and effective instrument operation, laboratory capability and reliable diagnostic services for Queensland patients.
11/09/2026	Panda Bear Frame	\$ 200.00	Chinese Delegation at the One Health symposium	Ross Andrews	b	The gift was received in connection with official Department business involving the Chinese delegation and has been retained by the Department rather than by an individual employee. Acceptance acknowledges the professional engagement and supports ongoing relationships relevant to the Department's work.
14/09/2026	Flights, accommodation and parking	\$ 1,919.37	Public Pathology Australia (PPA)	Petra Derrington	a	Attendance in Dr Derrington's capacity as President of Public Pathology Australia supports professional leadership, advocacy and collaboration across public pathology providers. Participation enables Pathology Queensland perspectives to contribute to national discussion and supports relationships and knowledge exchange relevant to the quality and sustainability of public pathology services in Queensland.

14/09/2026	Flights and accommodation	\$ 563.00	Kathy Robinson	Petra Derrington	a	Participation as a presenter and session chair at the RCPA Management and Clinical Governance of Medical Laboratories conference enables sharing of Department expertise and engagement with pathology professionals on laboratory management and clinical governance. The knowledge exchange supports professional capability and good governance practices relevant to safe, high-quality pathology services for Queensland patients.
14/09/2026	Travel scholarship - return airline travel (Brisbane-Melbourne) and accommodation (3 nights) to attend the Australasian HIV & AIDS Conference in Melbourne from 14 to 16 September 2026.	\$ 850.00	Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM)	Patrice Halliday	a	The travel scholarship supports participation in the Australasian HIV & AIDS Conference, enabling engagement with clinicians, researchers, policymakers and community representatives on the ongoing HIV response. Knowledge exchange and collaboration can inform Queensland policy, prevention and service responses and support improved health outcomes.
15/09/2026	3-day conference pass to the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) 2026 National Conference, on the Gold Coast	\$ 1,435.00	Australian College of Midwives (ACM)	Azra Hadzic	a	The complimentary conference pass formed part of the office's sponsorship package and was allocated through an EOI process. Attendance and staffing the OCMwO stall supports professional engagement, dissemination of Department information and knowledge exchange with the midwifery sector, contributing to workforce capability and maternity care for Queensland families.
15/09/2026	3-day conference pass to the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) 2026 National Conference, on the Gold Coast	\$ 975.00	Australian College of Midwives (ACM)	Liz Milroy	a	The complimentary conference pass formed part of the office's sponsorship package and was allocated through an EOI process. Attendance enables presentation of Department work and staffing of the OCMwO stall, supporting knowledge exchange, professional engagement and workforce capability in midwifery, with benefit to maternity care for Queensland families.
15/09/2026	3-day conference pass to the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) 2026 National Conference, on the Gold Coast	\$ 975.00	Australian College of Midwives (ACM)	Liz Wilkes	a	The complimentary conference pass formed part of the office's sponsorship package. Attendance as a keynote presenter enables sharing of Department expertise and engagement with the national midwifery sector, supporting knowledge exchange and workforce capability relevant to maternity care for Queensland families.
15/09/2026	3-day conference pass to the Australian College of Midwives (ACM) 2026 National Conference, on the Gold Coast	\$ 975.00	Australian College of Midwives (ACM)	Jeanie Tertzakian	a	The complimentary conference pass formed part of the office's sponsorship package. Attendance enabled organisation and operation of the OCMwO trade booth throughout the conference, supporting dissemination of Department information, stakeholder engagement and knowledge exchange with the midwifery sector for the benefit of maternity services in Queensland.
15/09/2026	Travel scholarship - return airline travel (Brisbane-Melbourne) and accommodation (3 nights) to attend the Australasian Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Conference in Melbourne from 15 to 17 September 2026.	\$ 850.00	Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM)	Melinda Hassall	a	The travel scholarship supports participation in the Australasian Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Conference, enabling engagement with leaders in clinical practice, research, advocacy and education on access, equity, innovation and policy reform. Knowledge gained can inform Queensland policy and service responses and support improved sexual and reproductive health outcomes.

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