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SEQ First Nations Health Equity in Action Conference, 2025

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Plaza Level, Merivale St entrance

Day 1 | Thursday, 23 October 2025

Morning Session

9:30am – 10:00am	Registration	Registration table located outside rooms P1-P5
10:00am – 10:15am	Welcome to Country	P1, P2
10:15am – 10:30am	Opening address SEQ First Nations Health Equity in Action: Listening, Reflecting, Moving forward with intent.	P1, P2
10:30am – 11am	Morning Tea: An opportunity to connect	

Concurrent Workshops

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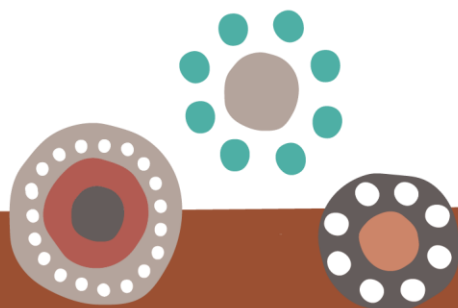
11am – 3:15pm

Break for lunch 1pm – 1:45pm

Rooms P1-P5

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4
Expanding Shared Workforce opportunities	Operationalising the SEQ Suicide Response Plan	Supporting our Vulnerable Children & Families together	Partnering to improve health outcomes for First Nations people in Prison

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Afternoon Session

3:15pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea: An Opportunity to Connect	
3:30 – 4:30pm	Plenary Session: Accountability to Community	P1, P2

Day 2 | Friday, 24 October 2025

8:30am – 9:00am	Registration	Registration table located outside rooms P1-P5
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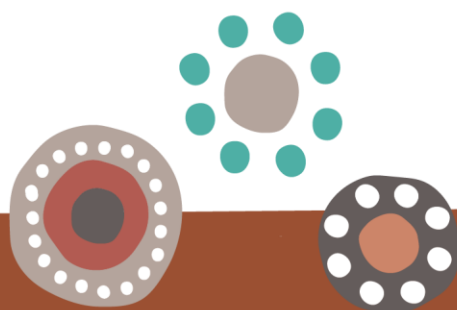
Break for morning tea 10:30am – 11am

Rooms P1-P5

Workshop 5	Workshop 6	Workshop 7	Workshop 8
Operationalising the Workforce Pipeline for Entry-level Roles	Connecting Community and Services: Implementing the SEQ FNHE Suicide Response Plan	National Lung Cancer Screening Program in Action in SEQ	Knowledge & Data Sharing for better First Nations Health Outcomes

Conference Close

1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch: Continue connecting over lunch	
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About the SEQ First Nations Health Equity in Action Conference

The **fourth** First Nations Health Equity in Action Conference will bring together the SEQ First Nations Health Equity partners - the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health sector, Hospital and Health Services (HHS), Primary Health Networks, Mater Health Service and Queensland Ambulance Service, and other invited stakeholders to focus on systems transformation and cross-sector collaboration to accelerate our efforts to Close the Gap and achieve health equity.

This year's conference has two key aims:

- 1. To showcase progress made in the past 12 months by working together towards health equity across the SEQ health system.**
- 2. To workshop priority areas and the actions that need to be taken over the next 12 months aligned with the SEQ FNHE Strategy and current health system landscape.**

This year's conference will be run a little bit differently from previous years, which have been focused on plenary sessions and breakout sessions around key themes and priorities.

This year's conference is focused on less plenaries and providing more time for longer, half-day 'in-action' workshops. Conference participants are invited to specific workshops based on their areas of expertise and ability to commit to actions identified through each workshop.

Workshop Overviews

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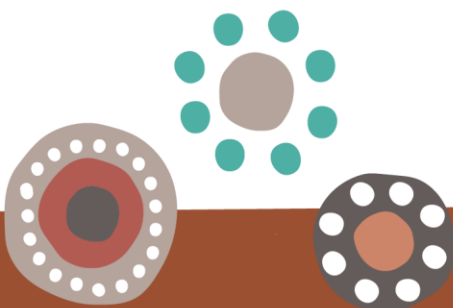
Concurrent Workshops

Workshop 1: Expanding Shared Workforce opportunities

The SEQ FNHE Workforce Strategy is critically important to support a whole of health sector response to growing a culturally responsive workforce in First Nations health.

Last year's conference highlighted examples of a shared registrar workforce across sectors. There are many other shared workforce and graduate and cadetship program opportunities to enable workforce to gain experience across the sector, build cultural safety, increase service access for mob and overcome issues of competition between ACCHOS, and mainstream services.

This workshop will explore current mechanisms and enablers of shared workforce, identify areas of need and opportunity and develop an action plan for the next 12 months.



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Workshop 2: Operationalising the SEQ Suicide Response Plan

This workshop will focus on advancing the *collaborative, community-led regional Suicide and Critical Incident Response Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South East Queensland*. It will provide a culturally safe and respectful space to explore how local and regional responses can be effectively activated, supported, and sustained.

Participants will be guided through a scenario-based planning activity to deepen shared understanding of the response model in practice. The session will also identify the key enablers, resources, and roles needed to operationalise the plan across the region.

Workshop 3: Supporting our Vulnerable Children & Families together

The SEQ FNHE Partnership is committed to addressing the social determinants of health and to implement initiatives to help address continuing growth in the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and families in SEQ who interface with the Child Safety and Youth Justice systems.

The workshop will identify practical and real opportunities for all SEQ FNHE Partner organisations to work together to embed best-practice, strength-based and proactive approaches to reduce Child Safety notifications and to support children, young people and families that are in contact with or at risk of contact with the Child Safety and/or Youth Justice system.

Workshop 4: Partnering to improve health outcomes for First Nations people in Prison

This workshop will encourage participants to reflect on healthcare provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in prison, on community-based orders, and on release from prison.

What more can we do, collectively, to improve health and wellbeing, ensure continuity of care on release, and help reduce the likelihood of future involvement with the criminal justice system?

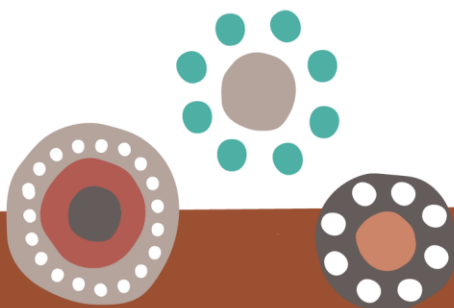
Workshop participants will be invited to develop culturally safe and innovative solutions to meet the health and wellbeing needs of First Nations people in contact with the criminal and youth justice systems in SEQ.

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Workshop 5: Operationalising the Workforce Pipeline for Entry-level Roles

The SEQ FNHE Workforce Strategy provides a collaborative mechanism to increase the First Nations workforce across the whole health sector. It aims to build a workforce for current and future workforce



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requirements by strengthening the recruitment, retention, support and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into health and related employment opportunities.

This workshop will explore opportunities to operationalise a coordinated Training and Employment Pipeline, learn from current stories of success and develop an action plan for growing entry-level roles over the next 12 months.

Workshop 6: Connecting Community and Services: Implementing the SEQ FNHE Suicide Response Plan

This session will focus on planning how services and stakeholders will engage with communities following a death by suicide or critical incident involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South East Queensland. Participants will explore how to ensure this engagement is culturally grounded, community-led, and well-coordinated across services. The session will also consider what needs to be in place to support clear roles and responsibilities, timely responses, and approaches guided by community priorities. Existing mapping of pathways and processes will be available to support discussion, with participants working together to refine and build on this work to create a shared, coordinated approach to response.

Workshop 7: National Lung Cancer Screening Program in Action in SEQ

The National Lung Cancer Screening Program (NLCSP) commenced 1 July 2025. The focus of this workshop is to reflect on the initial implementation of the program, and how as a system we can improve our connections and ways of working between services to improve the client journey. This workshop will aim to bridge the gap between health providers, to ensure timely connections between health services, and a smooth patient journey. We will discuss utilising existing systems and resources to more effectively deliver a lung cancer screening and care pathway for First Nations people across SEQ, building on discussions at our previous workshop in February 2025.

Workshop 8: Knowledge & Data Sharing for better First Nations Health Outcomes

Join us to explore the vision for Indigenous knowledge and data sharing in SEQ. We'll reflect on the progress we've made in recent years and consider the future opportunities presented to us through technology, the significance of Indigenous data sovereignty, and the curly issues of privacy and consent. Through this workshop we'll uncover next steps for action.

