Profile
Cairns and Hinterland Local Health and Hospital Network

Network Overview

- The Cairns and Hinterland Local Health and Hospital Network (LHHN) will cover an area of 142,000 square kilometers from Cardwell in the south to Mossman in the north and Croydon in the west.
- The Network will serve a population of around 250,000 people which is forecast to increase to over 280,000 by 2021 (an increase of 13%).
- Around a sixth of the population within the Network area (16.4%) were born overseas.
- 8.4% of the Network population speak a language other than English at home.
- At 10.2% of the Network's population, Cairns and Hinterland LHHN will have the largest number of Indigenous Australians of all the Networks in Queensland. This represents 15.6% of Queensland’s total Indigenous Population.
- The Local Government Areas within the Network area are Cairns Regional Council, Croydon Shire Council, Etheridge Shire Council, Tablelands Regional Council, Yarrabah Shire Council and Cassowary Coast Regional Council (except the community of Cardwell which is located in Townsville LHHN).

Facilities and Services

- The Network will include the following facilities:
  - Atherton Hospital
  - Babinda Hospital
  - Cairns Base Hospital
  - Gordonvale Memorial Hospital
  - Herberton Hospital/Aged Care Unit
  - Innisfail Hospital
  - Mareeba Hospital
  - Mossman Multi-Purpose Health Service
  - Tully Hospital
- The Network will also operate Community Health Centres in Edmonton, Westcourt, Smithfield, Aplin Street (Cairns), Atherton, Mareeba, Yarrabah, Mossman, Cow Bay, Innisfail, Cardwell, Tully, Jumbun and Mission Beach.
- Primary Health Care Centres are located at Malanda, Millaa Millaa, Mount Garnet, Ravenshoe, Georgetown, Dimbulah, Forsayth, Croydon, Chillagoe and Yarrabah.
- Cairns Base Hospital is a 497-bed hospital that provides community and specialist hospital services for Cairns and its immediate surroundings and is the major referral centre for Tropical North Queensland. It is the biggest hospital in the Cairns and Hinterland Network and services include all major health specialties (medicine, surgery, women's health, paediatrics and mental health) and more than 30 sub-specialties.
- Atherton Hospital caters for 69 beds and provides emergency department services and a range of visiting specialist medical services.
- Innisfail Hospital has 64 beds and offers specialist surgery in gynaecology and obstetrics. A redevelopment of the hospital was completed in 2008.
- The remaining hospitals and healthcare facilities within the Network are small and provide predominantly primary and community care, residential care, palliative and respite care and/or rehabilitation service to local communities.
- The majority of Network residents receive inpatient care within the Network’s area, either at their local hospital or in Cairns. However, this Network will also be the primary place of treatment for around half of all patients from the Torres Strait-Northern Peninsula and Cape York LHHNs.
## Capacity and Activity

### Annual Network Budget

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### Activity July 2009 - June 2010

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### Infrastructure and Developments

A $446.3 million redevelopment of Cairns Base Hospital will provide an additional 168 beds (overnight and same day beds) by the end of 2014.

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   (Queensland Health Hospital Performance Data - Queensland Government Data correct at end March 2011)
   (Australian Government – Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)
The redeveloped Cairns Base Hospital will also provide improved health services including:

- an ambulatory cancer care centre with a new radiation oncology service
- additional cardiac care facilities
- additional surgical capacity including day surgery
- expanded intensive care capacity
- expanded birthing services, special care babies unit and a new low risk birth centre
- additional aged care and rehabilitation services
- additional beds for mental health services
- new pathology facilities.

### Further Information

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