

Mackay Birth Centre Community Reference Group Recruitment 2024

Mackay Birth Centre Community Reference Group purpose

The Mackay Birth Centre Community Reference Group will play an important role in ensuring that the birth centre infrastructure is designed in line with the agreed principles and reflects the needs and desires of the community.

This collaborative approach reflects the ongoing partnership between Mackay Hospital and Health Service, Health Infrastructure Queensland, the Friends of the Birth Centre, consumers and the broader Mackay community, in delivering a birth centre that genuinely meets local needs and aspirations.

Duties and responsibilities of Community Reference Group members

The duties and responsibilities of the Mackay Birth Centre Community Reference Group will include:

- Attending Monthly Community Reference Group Meetings
- Gathering input from and representing the broader community, including:
 - Local and Regional Mackay Communities
 - First Nations groups and elders
 - Friends of the Birth Centre
 - Mackay Birth Centre Staff
 - Past and potential consumers (of both the Mackay Birth Centre and Kem Kem Yanga)
 - Culturally and linguistically diverse populations
 - LGBTIQ+ populations
- Engaging with the community through various methods (e.g. surveys, forums, meetings)
- Discussing and exploring diverse perspectives with the group, with a commitment to respectful dialogue and finding common ground where possible, while acknowledging that consensus may not always be achievable on all issues.
- Making informed recommendations regarding the Mackay Birth Centre infrastructure to the Health Infrastructure Queensland Design Team based on community engagement and input.
- Ensuring alignment with project principles, budget, timelines and governance processes.
- Communicate outcomes and decisions back to the community.



Scope of Mackay Birth Centre Community Reference Group

- The Community Reference Group will provide critical input and direction on aspects of the Mackay Birth Centre infrastructure, including location and design.
- The Community Reference Group will have the opportunity to shape the look, feel and functionality of the Mackay Birth Centre to create a facility that is welcoming, culturally safe and meets the needs of the local community.
- While the Community Reference Group will be formed to focus specifically on community needs and perspectives, it will include clinical representation to support an integrated approach.
- Additional clinical engagement and representation will occur within established project governance mechanisms to ensure all aspects of design are fit for purpose and comply with required patient safety standards.

Governance Process

- The Mackay Birth Centre Community Reference Group will report into Health Infrastructure Queensland's Design Team – Project Control Group
- The Community Reference Group is an advisory body – its role is to provide recommendations on behalf of the Mackay Community to the Project Control Group for consideration as part of the design process and to inform associated decision making processes.
- The Project Control Group will review the recommendations by the Community Reference Group and report to the Project Steering Committee for the Mackay Hospital Expansion Project.
- Copies of Terms of Reference for the Project Control Group and Project Steering Committee(s) are available on request.

