# **Health Equity Advisory Group**

## Your Opportunity

Are you Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or Australian South Sea Islander and passionate about the health of your local community? This is your chance to represent the community voice and have input into planning and delivering hospital and health services throughout the Mackay, Whitsunday and Isaac region.

#### Why we need you

The Health Equity Advisory Group will report up through the Mackay Hospital and Health Board to provide advice in the planning and delivery of a Health Equity Strategy for First Nations people. The Health Equity Advisory Group will also consider the health needs of the Australian South Sea Islander people within the community. Together, members will meet under the Mackay Hospital and Health Board approved governance structure to consider the challenges and opportunities for improving health outcomes for some of our most vulnerable population groups throughout the region.

## **Membership interests**

Membership will be awarded to persons who can demonstrate one or more of the following:

- I am interested in local health service planning and delivery
- I am active in the community, with strong community networks and a sound understanding of local or regional issues
- I can bring a patient or carer perspective to discussions and decision making.

## Are you eligible to be a member?

You are eligible to be a Health Equity Advisory Group member if you meet one of the following criteria:

- I am a Traditional Owner from the Mackay, Whitsunday and Isaac regions
- I am a recognised Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander community member
- I am a recognised Australian South Sea Islander community member

#### **Membership remuneration**

Members who are appointed to the Health Equity Advisory Group will be eligible for remuneration in accordance with Health Consumers Queensland Position Statement.

## For more information on how to apply

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