

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals (GGHH) Pacific Region

About the GGHH Pacific Network

GGHH is a worldwide network of health institutions working to reduce the health sector's environmental footprint and foster a healthy future for people and the planet.

The Climate and Health Alliance co-ordinates GGHH in the Pacific Region (Australia and New Zealand). GGHH is a project of international Non-Governmental Organisation, Health Care Without Harm.

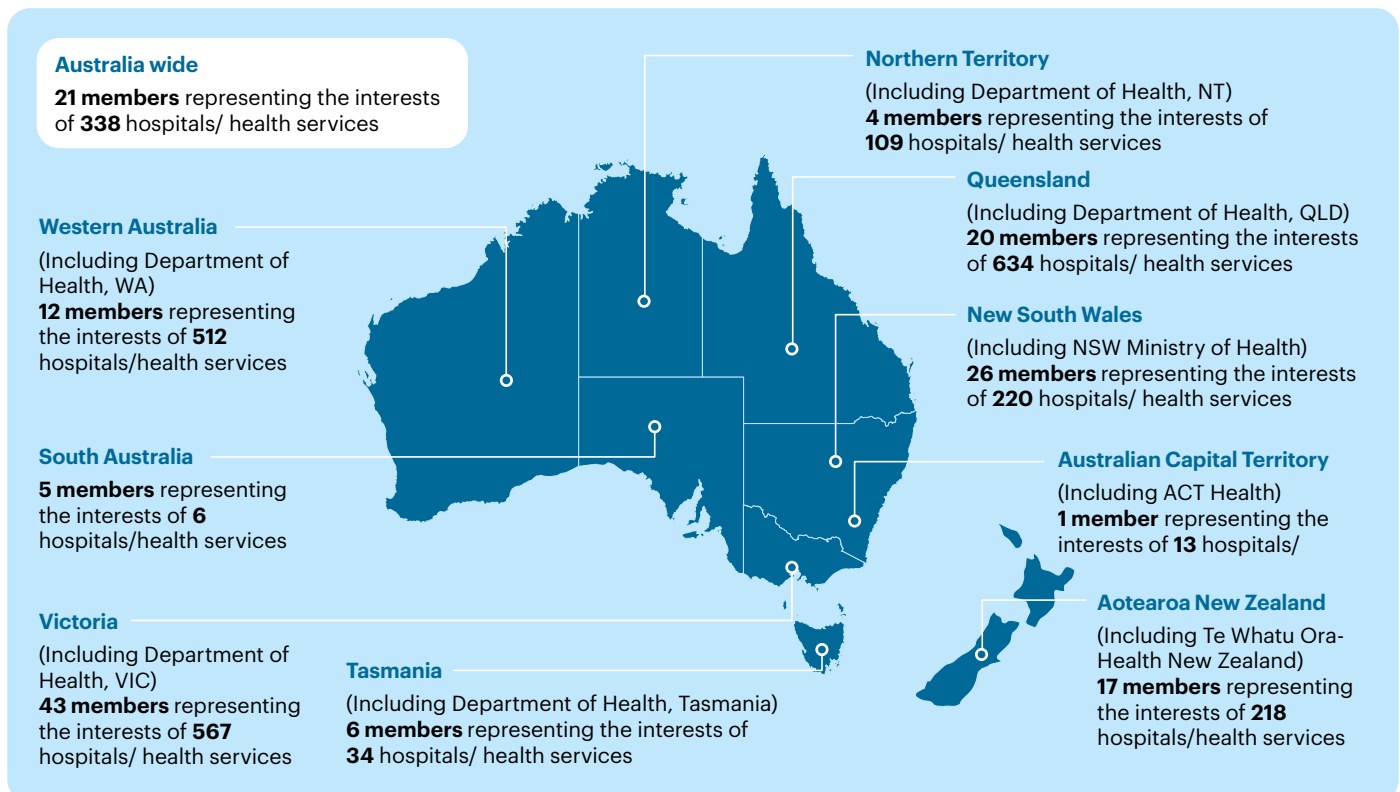
As of May 2025, there are 167 GGHH Pacific members representing the interests of over 2,815 hospitals and health services across Australia and New Zealand.

Globally there are over 2,115 members from 87 countries who represent the interests of more than 70,000 hospitals and health services.

GGHH Pacific is a collaborative community in which members learn from one another by sharing information and experiences to help accelerate the transition to low carbon, environmentally sustainable healthcare across the world.

GGHH members in Australia and New Zealand are being internationally recognised for their accomplishments in greening the health sector and improving global public health through action on climate change.

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GGHH is based around a framework of 10 interconnected goals that guide practice.



LEADERSHIP

Prioritise environmental health as a strategic imperative



WASTE

Reduce, treat and safely dispose of healthcare waste



WATER

Reduce hospital water consumption and supply potable water



FOOD

Purchase and serve sustainably grown, healthy food



BUILDINGS

Support green and healthy hospital design and construction



CHEMICALS

Substitute harmful chemicals with safer alternatives



ENERGY

Implement energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy generation



TRANSPORTATION

Improve transportation strategies for patients and staff



PHARMACEUTICALS

Prescribe appropriately, safely manage and properly dispose of pharmaceuticals



PURCHASING

Buy safer and more sustainable products and materials

Membership

GGHH membership is free of charge for hospitals, health and aged care facilities, and health systems.

As a joining member, your organisation or health service will select two goals to pledge to work towards. These are chosen from the ten goals that are laid out in the GGHH Agenda and aim to address and promote greater sustainability and environmental health within the sector.

Once an organisation becomes a member, nominated employees can access the online tools and resources that are available, including:

- **GGHH Connect** - our online platform that brings the GGHH member community and provides access to tools and resources, including:
 - **Discussion forums** that provide a space for members worldwide to meet virtually to ask questions, share experiences, and collaborate.
 - **Guidance documents** outline opportunities to reduce environmental impacts within a goal area, including step by step guide and links to further resource.
 - **Hippocrates Data Center** - interactive data center to track, store, and visualise sustainability data.
 - **Webinar recordings** offered on topics including the GGHH goals, current events of interest, and important research and publications.
 - **Case studies** provided by the international network of GGHH members that highlight successful initiatives across the ten goals.
- **GGHH Pacific Member Update** - fortnightly newsletter containing sustainable healthcare news, events and sources.
- **Pacific region member update meetings** that provide an opportunity to network with others working in sustainable healthcare and hear from guest speakers.
- **Pacific region email group** - a platform to communicate with other Pacific region GGHH members.

Communities of Practice

- **Pacific region Food Community of Practice** to learn more about sustainable food in healthcare and learn from other members working on food initiatives.
- **Pacific region Waste Community of Practice** to learn more about waste avoidance, behaviour change, green procurement, waste management

Community of Action for the Reduction of Emissions (CARE) Program

- a multi year program (2025-26) aimed at accelerating progress towards sustainable and climate resilient healthcare. [Read more.](#)

Initiatives

- **Health Care Climate Challenge** - engages and equips health care institutions to commit to effective climate action across 3 pillars: mitigation, resilience, leadership.
- **Race to Zero** - global campaign initiated by the UNFCCC, committing health organisations to at least net zero by 2050.

Why join?

- Learn from the collective experience of others working towards environmental sustainability
- Support staff who are working on environmental initiatives
- Get international recognition for achievements through awards programs and case studies
- Show patients that you're committed to protecting the environment and providing a safe and healthy planet for your community
- It's free!

To become a member, visit the GGHH [Join the Network](#) webpage.

Contacts

For questions related to GGHH and how to join, please email CAHA's sustainable healthcare team, at gghh@caha.org.au

To reach the international GGHH team, please email globalnetwork@hcwh.org

Links

GGHH Pacific Region
caha.org.au/resilience

Climate and Health Alliance
caha.org.au/

Healthcare Without Harm
noharm.org/

International GGHH
greenhospitals.org/

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