



far north queensland
hospital
foundation

2024-25
YEAR IN REVIEW



Chair and CEO Message



Dr. Ken Chapman
CHAIR



Gina Hogan
CEO

This year was a big step forward in our vision to deliver superior health care across Far North Queensland – made possible by the incredible people who make up our Foundation community. Guided by our 2024–2028 Strategic Plan, we’ve remained focused on delivering real impact, growing our social enterprises, supporting research and education, championing philanthropy, and staying closely connected to the communities we serve.

Thanks to the growth of our cafés, catering, vending machines, and the Cairns Hospital car park, we once again covered all operating costs. This ensures that every dollar donated went directly to improving health outcomes across our region. Together, we raised more than \$3.2 million, including \$584,045 from Friends of the Foundation groups, and made strong progress toward our Donate for DaNi campaign, reaching \$3.53 million of the \$4.3 million goal to bring a surgical robot to Cairns Hospital.

Over the past year, the Foundation provided over \$1.19 million in funding to support essential medical equipment and health care improvements across the region. Since 1997, we’ve invested more than \$29 million to improve health outcomes for Far North Queensland. This impact is powered by nearly 1,000 volunteers who contributed more than 26,000 hours in support of patients, families, events, and local health initiatives.

To our volunteers, donors, partners and staff – thank you. Your generosity, heart, and belief in better health care drive everything we do. Together, we’re keeping health care closer to home and creating a healthier future for Far North Queensland.



Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation.

Our amazing Friends of the Foundation (FoF) groups have done it again — raising an incredible **\$584,045 across 11 regional teams.**

When combined with central fundraising, we've reached a total of **\$3,298,307** across the region this year. That's all thanks to our almost **1,000 dedicated volunteers** (aka our "Purple Angels") who generously gave more than **26,000 hours** of their time.

Whether it's supporting patients and families, helping out at events, or driving local health initiatives, our volunteers make a real difference every single day.





“ Our Foundation thrives because of the people behind it. Our donors, volunteers, partners and staff give their all for better health outcomes in the Far North. Your commitment inspires us to aim higher every year. Thank you for helping make world-class care local. ”

Dr Ken Chapman, Chair

“ Each day I see the difference our Foundation makes in the lives of patients, families and health care staff across the region. From vital new equipment to comforting touches that ease a difficult day, every achievement reflects the generosity and care of a community that truly believes in better health for all. We are helping shape the future of health care in Far North Queensland, and I thank you for believing in what is possible when a community unites. ”

Gina Hogan, Chief Executive Officer



Some of the regional hospital equipment funded by Friends of the Foundation

Hospital / Site	Investment & Equipment Highlights
Atherton Hospital	Over \$220,000 in equipment: Fujifilm ultrasound, electric shower chairs, chemotherapy chairs, hospital beds, and pressure relief systems to enhance inpatient care and deliver cancer treatment closer to home.
Innisfail Hospital	Over \$48,000 in items: transducer for ultrasound, vital signs monitors, breast pumps, gym equipment, a falls prevention system, video conferencing tools, and maternity equipment.
Mareeba Hospital	Over \$128,000 in essential items: patient monitors, Lucas CPR device, infant incubator, transfer trolleys, bariatric chairs, and otoscopy tools.
Dimbulah Primary Health Centre	AccuVein system to improve needle placement, decision-making, and patient care.
Mossman Hospital	Infusion treatment chairs and an ice machine, providing comfort for patients undergoing lengthy therapies.
Gordonvale Hospital	Transfer trolleys, pressure-relieving mattresses and cushions, and wheelchairs to aid mobility and prevent falls.
Georgetown & Herberton	Upgraded environments through outdoor furniture, shade sails, and furnishings to improve comfort and usability for patients and families.
Tully Hospital	Care packs for patients with rheumatic heart disease, prepared for Tully and surrounding areas.

These regionally-driven enhancements have helped to ensure that our communities receive equitable access to modern equipment and compassionate care.



Research & Innovation

The Foundation committed **\$319,775** in research and education grants during the past year.

This included **\$284,078** for research and **\$35,697** for education, reflecting year-on-year growth from the 2023–2024 period.

These investments continue to build clinical capability and support long-term improvements in health outcomes throughout Far North Queensland.



\$3,298,307 RAISED IN 2024-2025

Since inception (1997), contributed \$29,017,143 million in funding to improve health care outcomes across the region.

Containers for Change Initiative

Our Containers for Change initiative continues to make a big impact — not just for the environment, but for our fundraising efforts too.

In 2024–2025, the program expanded beyond hospital sites into corporate and community locations, with 55 collection bins now set up across Cairns Hospital, the Care Coordinator Centre, GHD Building, Grafton Street, BDO Cairns, and the Diabetes Centre.

Thanks to this growth, we collected 4,746.4 kg of eligible containers, which is more than double last year's total of 1,860.5 kg.

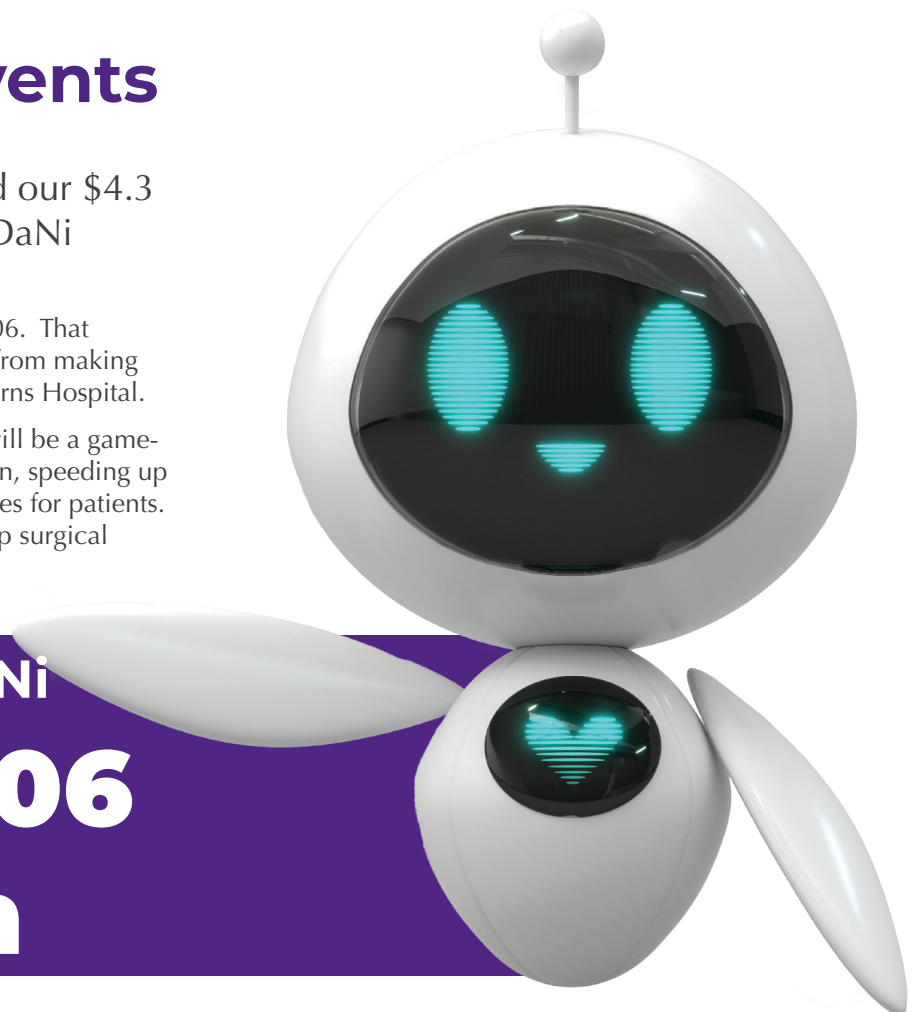


Fundraising Events

We've made great strides toward our \$4.3 million goal for the Donate for DaNi campaign.

In total we've raised an impressive \$3,536,606. That means we're now less than \$1 million away from making this life-changing technology a reality for Cairns Hospital.

Once funded, this advanced surgical robot will be a game-changer for our region by improving precision, speeding up recovery times, and leading to better outcomes for patients. Plus, it's expected to help attract and keep top surgical talent right here in Far North Queensland!



Donate for DaNi
\$3,536,606
million

QSuper Cardiac
Challenge

\$327,000



Trinity Advisory
Christmas Lunch

\$411,000



NuNu Restaurant
Melbourne Cup

\$120,000





Big Wins

The 2024–2025 financial year was one of momentum and transformation for the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation. A time when bold ideas came to life and lasting impact was delivered across the region.

Our commercial operations took a major leap forward with the launch of 24/7 fresh food vending at Cairns Hospital, stocked daily by our chefs and aligned with Queensland's *A Better Choice* campaign. From cafés to catering and car parking, our self-funded model continued to shine, covering all operational costs so that every cent donated goes directly to health care.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the tireless efforts of our fundraising team, Friends of the Foundation groups, and volunteers, vital equipment and services were delivered across the Cairns and Hinterland and Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Services, from cardiology and paediatrics to maternity, emergency, and rehabilitation.

Their dedication continues to be the heartbeat of the Foundation's success.

A \$210,823 pro bono contribution from local builders and suppliers transformed our office space into a vibrant, functional hub — achieved entirely without dipping into donor funds. And across every project and event, the spirit of community shone brightly — whether through hospital trolleys, events, or sizzling barbecues.

The launch of our new website was another major step forward, making it easier than ever for donors, CHHS staff, and the wider community to connect with our work.

Backed by our 2024–2028 Strategic Plan, these achievements reflect the energy, heart, and generosity that define everything we do — building a healthier future for Far North Queensland.



Projects Delivered

From Cairns to the Cape, FNQHF continues to make health care better and more accessible for everyone in our region.

In 2024–2025, the Foundation directed over **\$1.19 million** into vital equipment, services, and support programs that directly benefit patients, families, and frontline health care workers.

Every item funded, whether a state-of-the-art cardiac tool or a mural in a children's waiting room, was chosen with great care to meet real, local needs.

Thanks to our incredible donors, volunteers, and Friends of the Foundation groups, we've transformed emergency rooms, operating theatres, maternity units, rehab spaces, and more.

From cutting-edge tech to simple comforts, this year's equipment has supported faster recoveries, safer procedures, and more compassionate care.

And the best part? These upgrades are helping to keep care closer to home for the entire Far North Queensland region.



In Loving Memory: Robyn Boundy



Last year, we said goodbye to a remarkable woman whose unwavering dedication and community spirit will remain etched in the heart of the Far North forever.

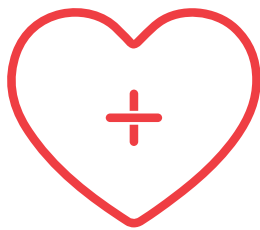
Robyn Boundy, a beloved board member and cherished friend of the Foundation, passed away in 2025 after a brief illness. Her loss was deeply felt not only within our organisation but across the many communities she touched with her compassion, leadership, and fierce advocacy for better health services in regional Queensland.

Since joining our board in January 2020, Robyn poured her heart into everything she did, from her instrumental work with the Mareeba FoF committee, to her pivotal role in advocating for rural health care equity. A natural leader and tireless volunteer, she also chaired the CHHHS Community Consultative Committee's Hinterland Hub and the Tablelands Health Community Council, while actively contributing to several other community organisations throughout her lifetime.

We remain incredibly grateful for Robyn's service, and even more grateful to have known her.

SNAPSHOT: Equipment funded in 2024–2025

CAIRNS HOSPITAL



CARDIOLOGY & THORACIC

Cardiopulmonary and ECG equipment, supporting diagnosis and treatment within the Department of Thoracic Medicine and Cardiology, in addition to a fleet of echo beds and a new cardiac outreach vehicle, ensuring cardiac services can reach communities throughout the region.

REHABILITATION

A Motomed Muvi rehabilitation system, aiding patient mobility and recovery across a wide range of conditions.



EMERGENCY

Environmental enhancements such as paediatric emergency department wall graphics and a children's waiting room mural.



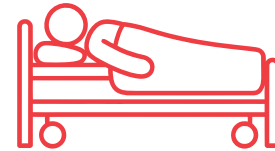
SURGERY

A Myosure Fluent Fluid Management System to improve safety and efficiency in surgical procedures at Cairns Hospital.

ONCOLOGY & PAEDIATRICS

Paediatric oncology equipment, including digital stethoscopes, ear thermometers and a vein-visualisation device to improve cannulation success.

Cancer care packs, thermoregulation blankets, and a range of comfort items for patients undergoing treatment.



OLDER PERSONS' CARE

A portable bladder scanner and 10 specialised Talley mattresses to reduce pressure injuries and support complex care needs in the Older Persons Integrated Health Service (OPIHS) and the Sub-Acute Care Unit (SACU) units.



MATERNITY & WOMEN'S HEALTH

Training tools and models for maternity and women's health teams, including perineal repair trainers and pelvic education models.

SMITHFIELD DIALYSIS UNIT

Gym equipment, canvas art, and a karaoke machine – small touches making a big difference in patient wellbeing and morale.

These purchases have improved frontline care and training at Cairns Hospital, while also helping to make clinical environments more compassionate and patient-centric.

These regionally-driven enhancements have helped to ensure our communities receive equitable access to modern equipment and compassionate care.

The Foundation also made targeted investments to support cardiac outreach in Cape York and the Torres Strait.

These included:

Area	Equipment Highlights
Cape and Torres Strait	A fully modified cardiac outreach vehicle, echo equipment, and portable diagnostic tools. Freight and logistics support to deliver equipment to Weipa, Thursday Island, and Bamaga.

Looking Forward

As we look to the future, we're filled with excitement and optimism, and it's all thanks to the unwavering support of our amazing community.

There are so many opportunities ahead! We're working closely with CHHHS and TCHHS to enhance services where they're needed most. We're investing in our incredible health care workforce, growing our social enterprises, and embracing technology to innovate the way we deliver care and support.

And yes, we're dreaming big. Think more training, more research, and a strong push toward Cairns Hospital reaching tertiary status. We want Far North Queensland to be a place where world-class health care is the norm, not the exception.



Our strategic focus will keep us grounded in what matters most:



Impact

Supporting projects that make a real difference to the health of our communities.



Social Enterprise

Growing our ventures to fuel long-term sustainability.



Philanthropy & Fundraising

Building strong, generous partnerships.



Engagement

Strengthening relationships with our volunteers, donors and stakeholders.



Region & Community Focus

Keeping care local, and support close to home.



Culture & Accountability

Fostering a values-driven, transparent, and forward-thinking team.

“To our donors, volunteers, partners, FoF groups, and everyone cheering us on: thank you.

Your belief in what we do is the heartbeat of our success. With your continued support, we'll keep pushing boundaries, creating impact, and delivering care with compassion, right here in Far North Queensland.

The future is bright and we're just getting started.”

Gina Hogan, Chief Executive Officer, Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation



far north queensland
hospital
foundation

Phone

(07) 4226 6327

Email

fundraising@fnqhf.org.au

Postal Address

PO Box 957
Cairns QLD 4870

Street Address

Ground Level, E-Block
Corner Digger and Grove St,
Cairns QLD 4870

www.fnqhf.org.au

