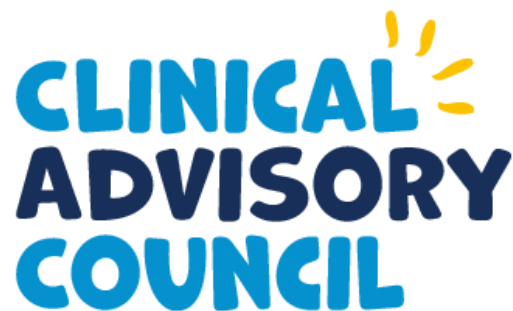




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Country to Coast, QLD Board announces new CCQ Clinical Advisory Council



Country to Coast, QLD (CCQ) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that delivers the Primary Health Network (PHN) programs on behalf of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care. Through community needs-assessment we aim to commission leading health services which meet the needs of our region to achieve their healthiest outcomes.

During June the Country to Coast, QLD (CCQ) Board engaged with eligible healthcare professionals from across the Central Queensland, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast regions, to consolidate the existing three clinical councils into one council which would advise collectively on achieving health outcomes region wide, the Country to Coast, QLD (CCQ) Clinical Council. This enhanced council will not only help CCQ to understand local nuances of smaller communities but also enable us to collectively work on issues which are common everywhere.

CCQ Board Chair, Dr Peter Dobson is proud to announce the 17 health professionals who will make up the new Clinical Council, providing advice directly to the CCQ Board and Executive. Their opportunity is to bring localised strategic insight to help shape the future of primary care across the region.

“The new Clinical Council is a multi-disciplinary group that includes membership including GPs, Clinical Education, Research, Hospital, QAS and Allied Health professionals combining our three regions into one collaborative Council.”

CCQ Clinical Council:

Dr Bradley Murphy	GP / Practice owner / GP advocate / Academic	Bundaberg	WB
Dr Kellie West	General Practitioner, (CQ)	Bungundarra	CQ
Dr Cornelius Nydam	Doctor in Addictions Service.	Bargara	WB
Simone Shaw	Clinical and Neuropsych	Buderim	SC
Dr Wendy Kinton	End of Life care Manager, SCHHS / Speech Pathologist / Researcher	Caloundra	SC
Alexis Hughes	Paramedic, Clinical Educator, QAS	Birtinya	SC
May Chi	Psychologist	Hervey Bay	WB
Jessica Frizzo	Physiotherapist	West Gladstone	CQ
Prof Kim Greaves	Cardiologist and Epidemiologist, SCHHS	Birtinya	SC
Patricia Wilson	Registered Nurse, Researcher, Birtinya.	Birtinya	SC
Dr Julie Blake	General Practitioner	Gympie	SC
Arosha Weerakoon	Dentist, Practice Owner, Academic and Researcher, Noosa.	Noosa	SC
Dr Roger Faint	General Practitioner, Senior Lecturer, Buderim.	Buderim	SC
James Lester	Pharmacist	Maroochydore and Hervey Bay	SC/WB
Assoc Prof Florin Oprea	Associate Professor in Health Promotion, UniSC	Sippy Downs	SC
Sarah James	Social Worker, Specialist Behaviour Support Practitioner	Hervey Bay	WB
Dr Mark Dixon	General Practitioner, Medical Administration Trainee	Meikleville Hill	CQ

Julie Sturgess, Country to Coast, QLD CEO says, "The CCQ Clinical Council will work closely with the CCQ Board, CCQ Executive and the Consumer Council (EOIs are now closed), and Aboriginal Roundtable to provide advice on clinical issues impacting primary care and influence policy to improve health outcomes for the community."

Membership on the Council is paid, and the Council's first meeting is on 19 September.

View the Clinical Council [Terms of Reference](#) for more detail, and to learn more about Country to Coast, Qld: <https://c2coast.org.au/>

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Country to Coast, QLD Board Chair, Dr Peter Dobson is proud to announce the 17 health professionals who will make up the new CCQ Clinical Council for the Central Queensland, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast region.

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