

Role description

Job ad reference:	H2607WB688305
Role title:	Speech Pathologist
Status:	Permanent Full Time (76 hours p.f.) (Please note: future vacancies of a temporary, full time and part time nature may also be filled through this recruitment process)
Unit/Branch:	Speech Pathology Department
Division/Health Service:	Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service
Location:	Hervey Bay Hospital
Classification level:	HP3
Salary level:	\$80,015 - \$116,189 p.a.
Closing date:	Tuesday, 18 th August 2026 (applications will remain current for 12 months)
Contact:	Dani-Ella Heckathorn and Grace Martin
Telephone:	0427 674 348
Online applications:	www.careers.health.qld.gov.au
Application Enquiries:	If you have any queries in relation to applying online, please contact Recruitment Services on (07) 4150 2250.

About Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service is responsible for the delivery of public hospital and health services including medical, surgical, emergency, obstetrics, paediatrics, specialist outpatient clinics, mental health, critical care and clinical support services to people residing in a geographical area which incorporates the North Burnett, Bundaberg and Fraser Coast local government areas and part of Gladstone local government area (Miriam Vale).

Our Vision

Care, connection, compassion for all

Our Purpose

To compassionately care and connect with the Wide Bay community and our staff to provide excellence in regional health services.

Our Strategic Directions



Our people, our future

Build a skilled, diverse, and inspired workforce.



Excellent care, today and tomorrow

Deliver safe, respectful, and accessible care.



Systems for a sustainable future

Build resilient, efficient and sustainable systems.



Connected communities and partnerships

Strengthen partnerships to improve health outcomes.

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Purpose

- To provide efficient and effective routine Speech Pathology clinical services to the Hervey Bay Hospital under the direction of the Director of Speech Pathology.
- The position will function and participate in multidisciplinary and collaborative teams within the Hervey Bay Hospital, Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Your key responsibilities

- Fulfil the responsibilities of this role in accordance with the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service values outlined above.
- To comply with the obligation to act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights and, when making a decision, to give proper consideration to human rights as required by the Human Rights Act 2019.

Clinical / Technical

- Provide routine Speech Pathology clinical services to paediatric and adult clients of the Hervey Bay Hospital across the continuum of care, in accordance with prescribed professional and ethical standards.
- As experience builds, apply increasingly independent problem solving, reasoning and clinical judgement to more complex clinical situations, under the professional guidance of a more senior clinician.
- Ensure the delivery of the Speech Pathology services are in line with evidence-based practice.
- Undertake routine Speech Pathology tasks within the wider multidisciplinary team using well established clinical protocols, guidelines and clinical competencies.
- Actively participate in clinical practice supervision and the professional appraisal and development process.
- Actively participate in the Speech Pathology Department and interdisciplinary health care teams including providing input in the development of clinical practices procedures and protocols.

Communication / Team Participation:

- Maintain open and effective communication skills with colleagues, clients and significant others, and function cooperatively and effectively as a team member, to ensure smooth and effective delivery of services.
- Communicate effectively and maintain cohesive working relationships with all members of the Speech Pathology Department and organise work priorities accordingly.

Leadership / Work Unit Management:

- Provide and participate in education to staff in areas identified by Speech Pathology Department, Hervey Bay Hospital.
- Participate in the identification, development and implementation of quality and service improvement activities that enhance the delivery of Speech Pathology services within the Hervey Bay Hospital.
- Judicious use of assigned material and human resources.
- Develop clinical practice knowledge and expertise through active learning within the team and by independently engaging in professional development activities.
- Provide support, education and clinical supervision to Speech Pathologist Department support staff and students.

Key Responsibilities - Occupational Health and Safety

- All staff of Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service are responsible for making the health system safer and more effective by:
 - Having an understanding of their broad responsibilities as a team member and an individual for maintaining safety and quality in health care.
 - Ensuring that safety and Quality Procedures are followed.
 - Participate in the review of procedures individually or as part of a team.
 - Participate in the development and implementation of organisational processes that improve health care services, development and implementation of safety systems, engagement in improvement initiatives and related training.
 - Take reasonable care of your own health and safety and ensure that your acts/omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of others.
 - Complete all necessary Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) training and comply with OHS Policy and procedures.



- Report OHS incidents and assist with risk assessments.
- All WBHHS workers have the ability to remove themselves from work situations that they consider present and imminent and a serious danger to their life and / or health. If an event of this nature were to occur the worker shall report the incident immediately to a supervisor / manager without reprisal

Qualifications/Professional registration/Other requirements

- Mandatory possession of a qualification as a Speech Pathologist from a registered tertiary institution (or equivalent) as and a current membership or eligibility for membership with Speech Pathology Australia.
- Appointment to this position requires proof of qualification and if applicable registration or membership with the appropriate registration authority or association. Certified copies of the required information must be provided to the appropriate supervisor/manager, prior to the commencement of clinical duties.
- This position requires the incumbent to work at other facilities within the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.
- **Licence to Operate Vehicle:** This position requires the incumbent to operate a class C motor vehicle and an appropriate licence endorsement to operate this vehicle is required. Proof of this endorsement must be provided prior to the commencement of duty.
- **Hepatitis B Vaccination:** Health Care Workers in Queensland Health whose occupation poses a potential risk of exposure to blood or body fluids must be immunised against Hepatitis B according to the National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Immunisation Handbook and the Queensland Health Infection Control Guidelines.
- **Vaccination of Preventable Diseases:** It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chicken pox) and pertussis (whooping cough). Existing staff that are engaged prior to 1 July 2016 are not subject to this condition of employment unless they apply for a role with VPD requirements that is with a different Queensland Health entity (i.e. one HHS to another HHS, Department to a HHS, or HHS to Department)
- **Tuberculosis (TB):** It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be assessed for their risk of TB. Existing staff that are engaged prior to 14 December 2018 are not subject to this condition of employment unless they apply for a role that is with a different Queensland Health entity (i.e. one HHS to another HHS, Department to a HHS, or HHS to Department). Should existing staff be concerned about their TB status, they should consult their GP or contact the Metro South Clinical Tuberculosis Services on (07) 3176 4141 or (07) 3176 4166 for advice.
- **Blue Card:** Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000) requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Your appointment to the position is subject to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian issuing you with a favourable suitability notice. Queensland Health will meet the cost of this check and future renewals.

Pre-Existing Injury or medical condition

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) takes seriously its legislative obligations to manage the risks associated with pre-existing injury or medical conditions of prospective employees.

Further to WBHHS's obligation under Section 18 of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, whereby employers are required to provide and maintain, so far as practicable, a working environment that is safe and without risks, Section 571 of the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003 (WCR Act) enables prospective employers to give a prospective worker a written notice:

- Requesting that the prospective worker disclose any pre-existing illnesses or injuries of which they are aware, which could be reasonably aggravated by performing the attached outlined employment related duties; and
- Informing the prospective worker that a failure to disclose or a false or misleading disclosure means that the employee may not be entitled to compensation under the WCR Act for a work-related aggravation of the pre-existing illness or injury.



Are you the right person for the job?

You will be assessed on your ability to demonstrate the following key attributes. Within the context of the responsibilities described above, the ideal applicant will be someone who can demonstrate the following:

- **Clinical Expertise** – Demonstrated base level knowledge, expertise and skills in managing adult and paediatric speech pathology clients, across the continuum of care.
- **Communication** – The ability to work effectively as a member of a health care team, demonstrating high level communication skills, flexibility and a co-operative approach.
- **Operational Management** – Demonstrated ability to self manage a caseload, including ability to prioritise referrals and achieve non clinical workload requirements, such as report writing and recording statistics, in a timely manner.
- **Leadership** – Demonstrated ability, or ability to rapidly acquire the skills and knowledge required to provide guidance to Speech Pathology support staff and clinical education to students.
- **Quality Improvement** – Demonstrated commitment to evidence based practice and participation in quality improvement activities.

How to apply

Please provide the following information to the panel to assess your suitability:

- **Your current CV or resume, including referees.** You must seek approval prior to nominating a person as a referee. Referees should have a thorough knowledge of your work performance and conduct, and it is preferable to include your current/immediate past supervisor. By providing the names and contact details of your referee/s you consent for these people to be contacted by the selection panel. If you do not wish for a referee to be contacted, please indicate this on your resume and contact the selection panel chair to discuss.
- **A short statement (maximum 1–2 pages)** on how your experience, abilities, knowledge and personal qualities are relevant for the role, taking into account the key responsibilities and attributes noted in the 'Are you the right person for the job?' section.
- **Submit your application online at www.careers.health.qld.gov.au** by the closing date ensuring completion of the online questionnaire.
- **Late applications** cannot be submitted online. For a late application to be considered, please arrange approval and submission via the contact person.

About the Health Service/Division/Branch/Unit

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) provides health services to a fast growing regional area. The Health Service covers the coastal stretch from Agnes Waters in the north to Maryborough and Hervey Bay in the South and includes the accompanying rural hinterland. Included in WBHHS are Hervey Bay and Maryborough Hospitals and Bundaberg Hospital, the main referral centres, with health facilities at Gin Gin, Childers, Biggenden, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry and Monto. The WBHHS serves a population of approximately 225,000 residents.

Across the Health Service, a range of specialty services are provided including acute care, surgical, medical, maternity, mental health rehabilitation and aged care services. Hervey Bay and Bundaberg Hospitals provide care in some major adult specialties and provide support to the surrounding smaller rural hospitals in the Health Service. The Health Service has a number of Multipurpose Health Services that provide access to integrated health and aged care services to smaller communities. WBHHS promotes the use of Telehealth, which enables patients to receive quality care closer to home via videoconferencing technology, reducing the need for travel and increasing access to specialised healthcare for people in regional and rural communities.

The Health Service provides a variety of primary and community health services including oral health, child health, school health, health promotion, environmental health, aged care and rehabilitation, aged care facilities, sexual health services and drug and alcohol services. WBHHS also provides a comprehensive and fully integrated mental health service to residents in both the community and acute care settings.

The Wide Bay is well known for its relaxed lifestyle, natural beauty and local attractions. Bundaberg is located at the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef with access to coral islands and scuba diving. Possibly the most famous beach in Bundaberg is Mon Repos. Located 15kms east of Bundaberg, Mon Repos is known for having the largest concentration of nesting marine turtles on the eastern Australian mainland and is considered one of the two largest loggerhead turtle rookeries in the South Pacific Ocean.

To find out more about Queensland Health, visit www.health.qld.gov.au



For a taste of the Australian bush, Cania Gorge, located in the hinterland west of Monto, is popular for bushwalks and abseiling.

The Fraser Coast includes the world-heritage listed K'gari (formally known as Fraser Island), which has a unique and unspoilt landscape including rainforests with abundant fresh water lakes and crystal clear creeks. From July to November, during their annual migration, Humpback whales take time out in the protected waters of Hervey Bay. The whales perform a variety of behaviours providing a spectacular display for visitors and locals.

The land within the WBHHS region encompasses the following Tradition Custodian Groups: Butchulla; Bylee; Gooreng Gooreng; Gurang; Kabi Kabi; Taribelang Bunda and Wakka Wakka.

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians, both past and present, of the area we service. We also declare our commitment to reducing inequalities in health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in line with the Australian Government's Closing the Gap initiative.

Regional Medical Pathway

Bundaberg and Hervey Bay are the Wide Bay's lead sites for the Regional Medical Pathway (RMP), a major partnership between The University of Queensland, CQUniversity and the Wide Bay and Central Queensland Hospital and Health Services. The RMP provides local community supported, end-to-end medical education and training designed to address workforce shortages in the Central Queensland and Wide Bay regions. This Pathway involves student placements across the education continuum and learning opportunities through pre-vocational and vocational training. The RMP includes a variety of opportunities for clinicians to engage as teachers, mentors, tutors and researchers as a way of ensuring the future of the medical profession in regional, rural and remote Queensland.

Pre-employment screening

Pre-employment screening, including criminal history and discipline history checks, may be undertaken on persons recommended for employment. The recommended applicant will be required to disclose any serious disciplinary action taken against them in public sector employment, as well as any other availability information that could preclude them from undertaking the role. Roles providing health, counselling and support services mainly to children will require a Blue Card. Please refer to the Information Package for Applicants for details of employment screening and other employment requirements.

Health professional roles involving delivery of health services to children and young people

All relevant health professionals (including registered nurses and medical officers) who in the course of their duties formulate a reasonable suspicion that a child or young person has been abused or neglected in their home/community environment, have a legislative and a duty of care obligation to immediately report such concerns to the Department of Child Safety.

All relevant health professionals are also responsible for the maintenance of their level of capability in the provision of health care and their reporting obligations in this regard.

Diversity

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service is an equal opportunity employer that embraces diversity and is committed to eliminating discrimination.

We strive to provide a supportive and inclusive work environment in which all our employees are valued and empowered. We recognise the positive impact, innovation and opportunity that different perspectives, experiences, beliefs, cultures and ideas bring to the workplace. Our diversity and inclusion efforts will focus on:

- People with disability and people from other disadvantaged groups
- People who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent
- Women
- People from culturally and linguistic backgrounds



Sustainability

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service is committed to providing high-quality, low-carbon health care, and all staff are expected to optimise our resources for patient and community benefit.

Our [Environmental Sustainability Strategy](#) sets out how we will reduce our environmental impact while maintaining our excellence in standards of healthcare provision, with the help of detailed action plans.

Staff from across all streams have the opportunity to be a member of our Environmentally Sustainable and Climate Resilient Healthcare Committee, and are encouraged to join the WBHHS Green Team in pursuit of continual quality and environmental improvement.

Salary Packaging

To find out whether or not your work unit is eligible for the Public Hospital Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Exemption Cap please refer to the Salary Packaging Information Booklet for Queensland Health employees available from the Queensland Health Salary Packaging Bureau Service Provider – RemServ at <http://www.remserv.com.au>. For further queries regarding salary packaging RemServ's Customer Care Centre may be contacted via telephone on 1300 30 40 10.

Disclosure of Previous Employment as a Lobbyist

Applicants will be required to give a statement of their employment as a lobbyist within one (1) month of taking up the appointment. Details are available at:

https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0033/185919/lobbyist-disclosure-policy_0.pdf

Probation

Employees who are permanently appointed to Queensland Health may be required to undertake a period of probation appropriate to the appointment. For further information, refer to Probation HR Policy B2

[HR Policy B2 - Probation \(health.qld.gov.au\)](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/hr-policy-b2-probation)

No Smoking Policy

From 1 January 2015, it is against the law to smoke at all public and private health facilities, and for five metres beyond their boundaries. These laws include all staff and patient residential areas on healthcare facility land.

Privacy Notice

Personal information collected by Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) is handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. All personal information collected will be securely stored and will not be disclosed to other third parties without consent. For information about how WBHHS protects your personal information, or to learn about your right to access your own personal information, please see www.health.qld.gov.au

WBHHS may use applicant details to provide promotional information about job opportunities and organisational updates relating to WBHHS. Applicants can unsubscribe from these communications at any time by emailing: Recruitment-Wide-Bay@health.qld.gov.au



Values in Action – what our values mean for you:

 Collaboration	Team mindset, one service. Be kind and supportive of one another, band together – “have each other’s back”, contribute to a safe learning environment that increases capability and to make recommendations, however small, to improve.
 Accountability	Hold ourselves accountable to higher standards, take personal responsibility, have a “can-do” attitude, strive to exceed expectations. Recognise risks and speak out to ensure safety for all.
 Respect	To treat all as you would wish to be treated yourself, to recognise and value diversity, to actively listen to other’s opinions and to speak with consideration of others in mind.
 Excellence	From appearance to communication, consistently upholding higher levels of professionalism, demonstrating dedication, making a positive difference and striving to be the best in all that we do.
 Through patients’ eyes	Ensuring all that we do is focused on the patient and that we treat everyone equitably, with empathy, compassion and dignity, as you would a loved one.

Vision for the public service

To be a government of the 21st century, one government that is connected and working together to deliver smarter, simpler outcomes that are responsive to the needs of Queenslanders now and for the future. We will create opportunities in partnership that are all about positive outcomes rather than just service delivery and regulation.

To enable this vision, the Queensland Public Service (QPS) is transforming from a compliance focus to a more values-led way of working. The five values statements underpin behaviour’s that will support and enable better ways of working and result in better outcomes for Queenslanders.

<https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/our-values>

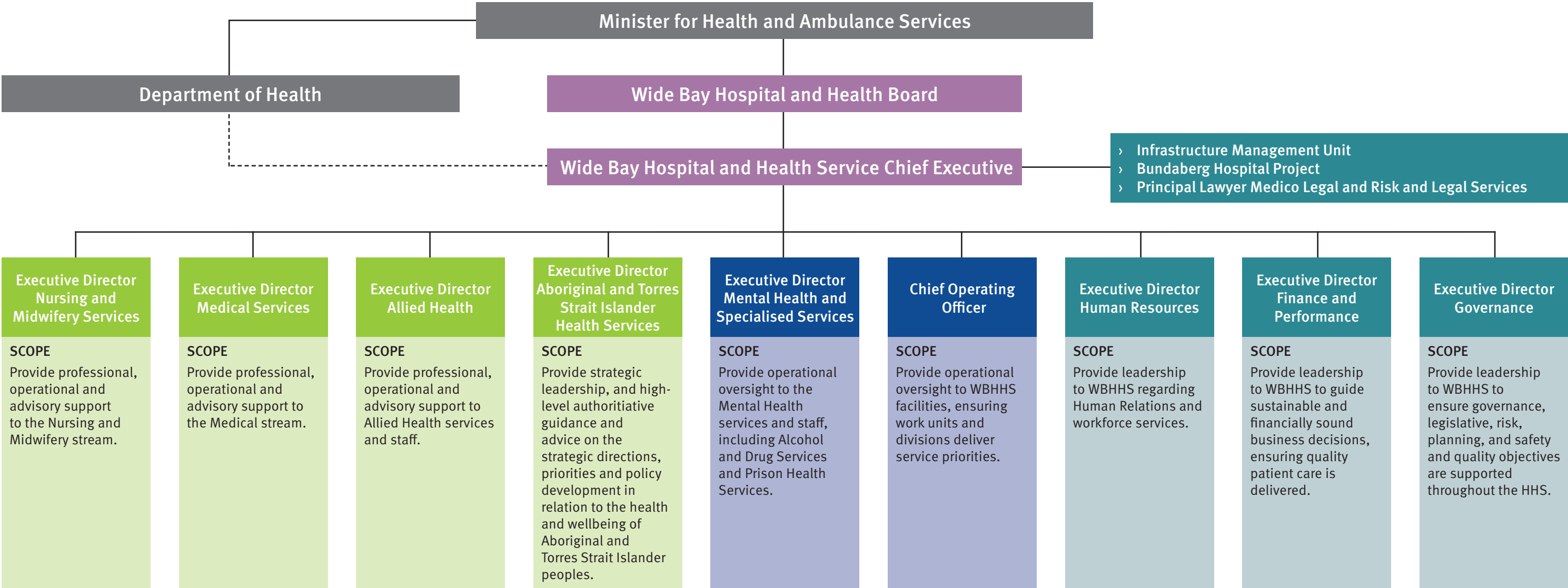
TASK ANALYSIS

Position: Allied Health						
Position Description: Provide Allied Health services for Wide Bay Hospital Health Service.						
Shifts/Breaks: 8:30am – 4:30pm. Monday to Friday. Weekend work is required (approx. 1 day per month). On-call required. Breaks as per award.						
PPE/Uniform: Closed-in shoes, supplied uniform. PPE is task dependent (e.g. gown, gloves, eye protection, face masks).						
LEGEND	RARE (1-5%)	OCCASIONAL (6% - 33%)	FREQUENT (34% - 66%)	CONSTANT 67% - 100%	REPETITIVE	NOT REQUIRED
	1 – 24min	25min – 2hr 38min	2hr 39min – 5hr 15min	5hr 16min - 8hr	Task is performed numerous times using the same body movements	Posture not required for task. Cell left blank.
FUNCTIONAL DEMANDS					PHOTO SUMMARY	
POSTURAL TOLERANCES	R	O	F	C	Rep	
Standing			X			
Walking			X			
Sitting		X				
Lying						
Forward bent posture			X			
Forward reach				X	X	
Overhead reach	X					
Squatting / kneeling	X					
Static neck postures	X					
Dynamic neck movement	X					
Crawling						
Stair climbing	X					
Ladder climbing						
Other climbing	X					
Trunk twisting		X				
Hand grip and dexterity				X	X	
Foot movement						
WEIGHTED TOLERANCES						
Floor to Waist Lifting	Up to 20kg.	Up to 5kg.				
Waist to Shoulder Lifting		Up to 5kg.				
Overhead Lifting	Up to 3kg.					
Carrying	Up to 15kg.	Up to 5kg.				
Pushing				X		
Pulling				X		
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS						
Inhalable Dust						
Noise Levels >85 dBa	X					
Hand/Arm Vibration						
Whole Body Vibration						
Hazardous/biological substances	X					
Cognitive factors (e.g. work pressure, nightshift work, time constraints).	X					



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

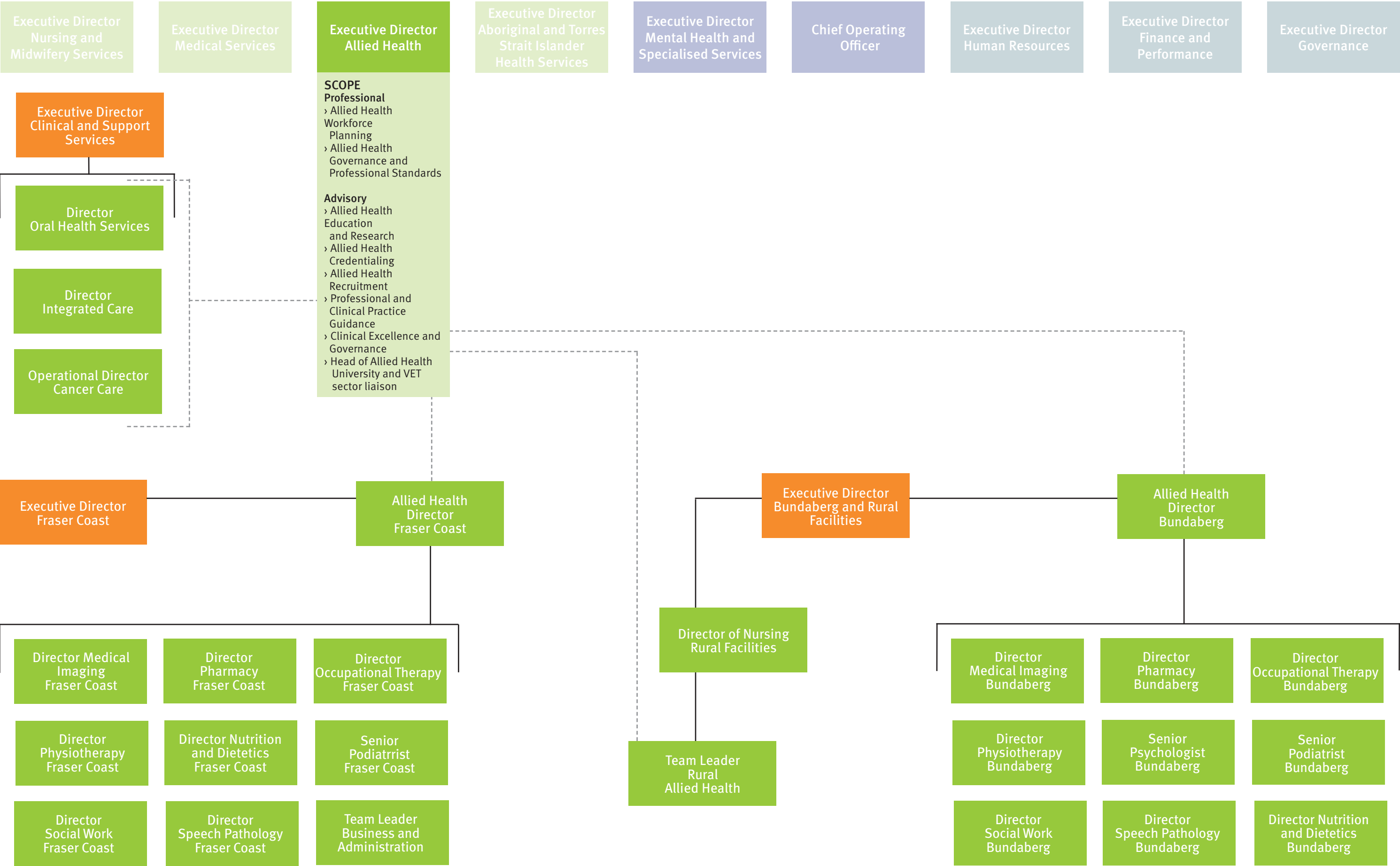
- Patient transfers may require lifting more than above-mentioned loads (e.g. bariatric patients), however assistance should be provided (either from additional staff members or lifting aids). The Wards Person is generally responsible for performing patient transfers.
- Driving is required if working in Community Health.
- Lifting to waist height of up to approx. 20kg - passive stretching (patient limbs, up to ~20kg), gel cushions (up to ~15kg), buckets of water (to fill bath ~5kg), patients aids (e.g. shower chairs, over-toilet frames, etc. up to ~5kg), various supplies (tapes, etc. up to ~3kg), exercise equipment (weights, resistance bands, etc. up to ~3kg).
- Lifting to shoulder height of up to approx. 5kg - buckets of water (to fill bath up to ~5kg), various supplies (tapes, etc. up to ~3kg), exercise equipment (weights, resistance bands, etc. up to ~3kg).
- Lifting overhead of up to approx. 3kg - various supplies (tapes, etc. up to ~3kg), exercise equipment (weights, resistance bands, etc. up to ~3kg).
- Carrying of up to approx. 15kg - gel cushions (up to ~15kg), buckets of water (to fill bath, up to ~5kg), patient aids (e.g. shower chairs, over-toilet frames, etc. up to ~5kg), various supplies (tapes, etc. up to ~3kg), exercise equipment (weights, resistance bands, etc. up to ~3kg).
- Pushing/pulling - patient transfers, manual therapy.
- Forward reaching can be repetitive and is required when performing manual therapy, patient transfers, etc.
- Static neck postures (flexion) may be required when performing manual therapy, splinting, etc.
- Dynamic neck postures are required when driving the work vehicle for Community Health staff.
- Neck flexion, rotation, and extension may be required when working with patients.
- Steps and various obstacles are used during exercise classes. Stair climbing may also be required when working in community health.
- Hand grip and dexterity are required for all tasks, and can be repetitive. Grip is required when performing manual therapy, and for all lifting and carrying tasks. Dexterity is required when splinting, performing manual therapy, writing, typing, etc.
- Potential exposure to noise from equipment and patient interaction.
- Potential exposure to biological substances such as bodily fluids etc.
- May be exposed to cognitive factors including work pressures, nightshift (on-call) and time constraints.



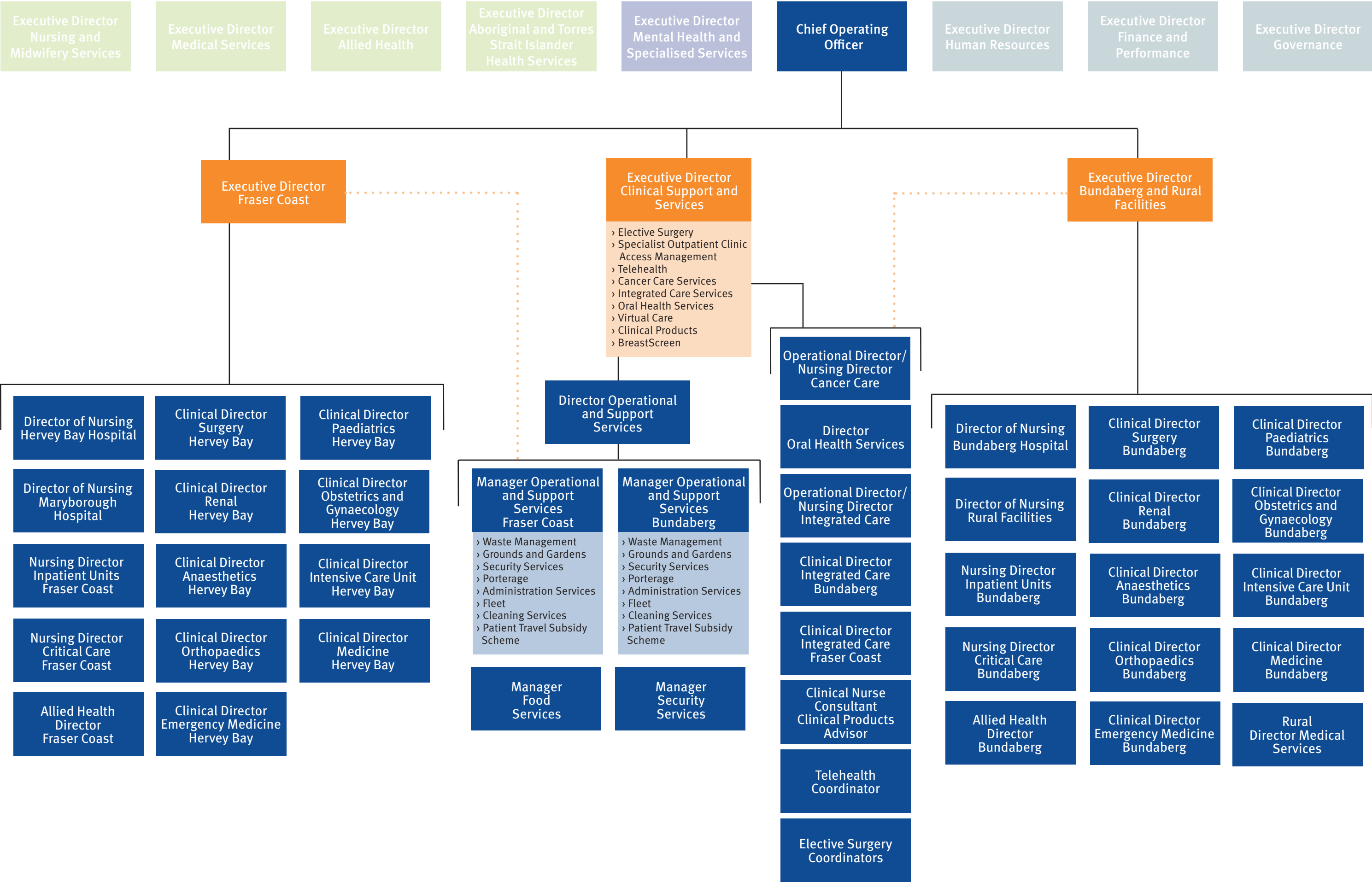
Professional Directorates - Stream Leadership
Executive Directors and other professional leads promote and drive their profession at a strategic level. These roles provide assistance to Managers and Clinicians to promote a culture of high-quality, evidence-based, efficient and safe patient care. Professional leads are also expected to lead sustainability and improvement initiatives.

Clinical Service - Operational Leadership
The Executive Directors, Operational Executives and other clinical leads work in a collaborative manner to provide integrated patient care across the continuum and geography of WBHHS. These roles are supported by the Professional and Support Directorates.

Support Directorates - HHS-wide Leadership
The Support Directorates work in collaboration with the Clinical and Professional areas to support the provision of quality care, every day. The Executive Directors and other staff support WBHHS to promote organisational accountability and systems to support HHS decision making. In particular, the Support Directorates and their respective Executive Directors lead a range of governance, finance and HR/IR functions.



***Note**
Staff within the Allied Health stream work across Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service in various roles and positions.
The Executive Director Allied Health provides professional support to Allied Health staff, regardless of their operational reporting line.



*Note: The positions of Director Integrated Care and Operational Director Cancer Care can be flexibly filled by individuals from either the Nursing or Allied Health disciplines. These positions would then report professionally to the appropriate Executive - either the Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery Services or the Executive Director Allied Health. The Manager Operational and Support Services positions are line managed by the Director Operational and Support Services, and also have an operational relationship with the Executive Director Facilities positions.