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 February 2020, there were 82 GGHH members representing the interests of over 1,700 hospitals and health services across Australia and New Zealand.

Globally there are over 1,300 members from 65 countries representing the interests of over 36,000 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.

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals have **82 members** in the Pacific region representing over **1,717** hospitals and health services.

![Map of Australia showing GGHH members by state]

- **WA** 9 members representing the interests of **192** hospitals/health services
- **QLD** 10 members representing the interests of **546** hospitals/health services
- **NSW** 16 members representing the interests of **136** hospitals/health services
- **VIC** 23 members representing the interests of **610** hospitals/health services
- **TAS** 3 member representing the interests of **17** hospitals/health services
- **SA** 3 members representing the interests of **128** hospitals/health services
- **NZ** 8 members representing the interests of **84** hospitals/health services
GGHH is based around a framework of 10 interconnected goals that guide practice.

**LEADERSHIP**
Prioritise environmental health as a strategic imperative

**CHEMICALS**
Substitute harmful chemicals with safer alternatives

**WASTE**
Reduce, treat and safely dispose of healthcare waste

**ENERGY**
Implement energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy generation

**WATER**
Reduce hospital water consumption and supply potable water

**TRANSPORTATION**
Improve transportation strategies for patients and staff

**FOOD**
Purchase and serve sustainably grown, healthy food

**PHARMACEUTICALS**
Prescribe appropriately, safely manage and properly dispose of pharmaceuticals

**BUILDINGS**
Support green and healthy hospital design and construction

**PURCHASING**
Buy safer and more sustainable products and materials

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Membership:
GGHH membership is free of charge for hospitals, health care facilities, health systems and health professional and academic organisations.

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, all nominated employees can access the online tools and resources that are available, including:

- **Discussion forums** that provide a space for members to meet virtually to ask questions, share experiences, and collaborate.
- **International experts** that are available to answer questions, provide advice, and point members to resources.
- **Guidance documents** outline opportunities to reduce environmental impacts within a goal area, including a step by step guide and links to further resource.
- **Online data centre** to assist with measuring environmental impacts and tracking progress.
- **Case studies** provided by the international network of GGHH members that highlight successful initiatives across the ten goals.
- **Webinars** offered on topics including the GGHH goals, current events of interest, and important research and publications.
- **Newsletters** that are sent bi-monthly will provide information such as upcoming events, new tools and resources, and news from the international GGHH network.
- **Pacific region member meetings** that provide an opportunity to network with others working in sustainable healthcare.

**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 the coordinator of the GGHH Pacific Network, Carol Behne at [gghh@caha.org.au](mailto:gghh@caha.org.au)

To reach the international GGHH team, please email [globalnetwork@hcwh.org](mailto:globalnetwork@hcwh.org)

**Links:**


Climate and Health Alliance [www.caha.org.au/](http://www.caha.org.au/)

Healthcare Without Harm [noharm.org/](http://noharm.org/)

International GGHH [www.greenhospitals.net/](http://www.greenhospitals.net/)

Join the GGHH network [www.greenhospitals.net/join-the-network/](http://www.greenhospitals.net/join-the-network/)

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