

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 November 2020, there are 99 GGHH members representing the interests of over 1,700 hospitals and health services across Australia and New Zealand.

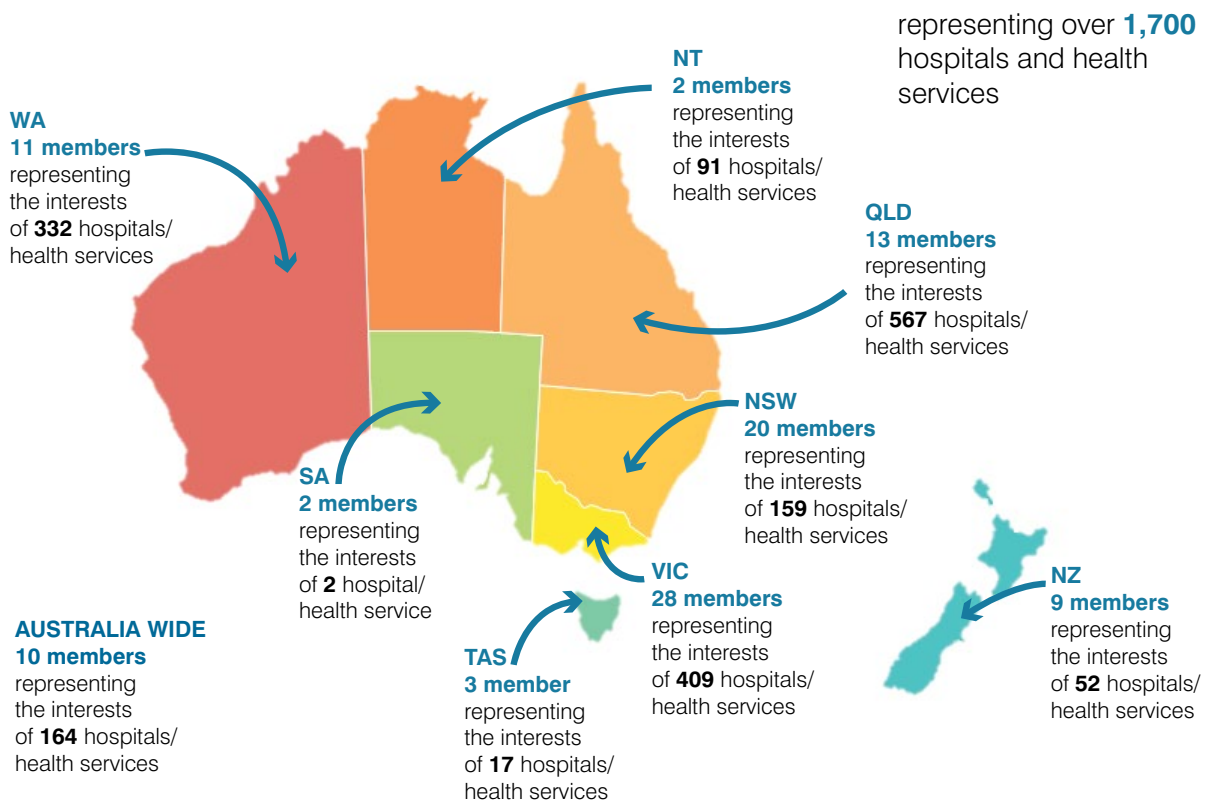
Globally there are over 1,450 members from 72 countries who represent the interests of more than 43,000 hospitals and health services.

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

- **Discussion forums** (currently being redeveloped) that provide a space for members 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.
- **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

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

Links:

GGHH Pacific Region
www.caha.org.au/globalgreen_healthyhospitals

Climate and Health Alliance
www.caha.org.au/

Healthcare Without Harm
noharm.org/

International GGHH
www.greenhospitals.net/

Join the GGHH network
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