Sexual Health Quarters

Annual Report 2025 - 2026

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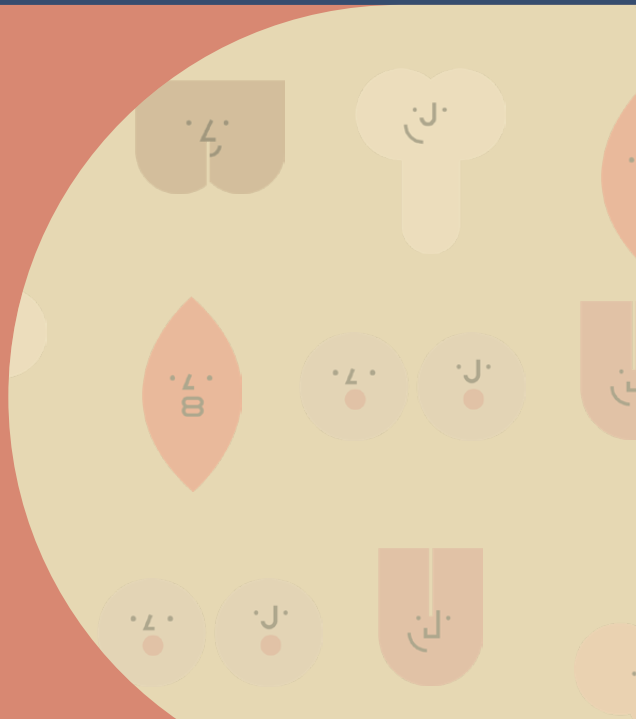
Diversity and Inclusion Statement

SHQ celebrates diversity and understands the unique and combined experiences of individuals and communities. SHQ is inclusive and rejoices in what makes each of us who we are. Be yourself, we like it that way.

Acknowledgement of Country

Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ) recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' resilience, strength and deep spiritual connection to land, waters, and community as Australia's First People and the Traditional Custodians.

We pay our respects to them and their cultures. We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our head office is located. We recognise their positive contribution to the sexual health and relationship wellbeing of community and offer our respects to Elders past, to those guiding us today and to those shaping the leaders of the future.



Acknowledgements

- Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing
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- Paul Ramsay Foundation
- Pride Foundation
- Rainbow Giving Australia
- Telethon
- WA Cervical Cancer Prevention Program
- WA Department of Communities
- WA Department of Health, Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program
- WA Department of Health, Women's and Newborn Health Service
- WA Mental Health Commission
- WA Primary Health Alliance
- Walk Free - International Human Rights Group

Our Vision

Freedom of choice and access to sexual health, respectful relationships, and rights for everyone.

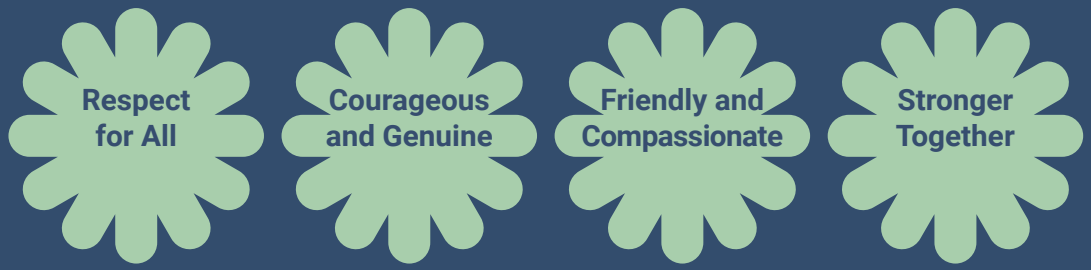
Our Purpose

At SHQ, we believe that sexual health and respectful relationships are the cornerstone of overall wellbeing, impacting individuals, couples, families, and communities. We are driven by the belief that everyone has the right to access high-quality sexual health services, counselling, and education, free from judgment and discrimination. We stand firm in our commitment to challenge the status quo, break down barriers, and foster inclusivity, striving each day to make a positive and enduring difference in the lives we touch, to challenge social injustice and passionately advocate for those who cannot speak freely.

Our Misson

Our mission is to provide affordable and accessible sexual health and relationship clinical care and counselling, and through education, empower those we serve, regardless of age, culture, gender, sexuality, belief, or ability, with the understanding and confidence to make informed choices about their sexual health and relationships.

Our Values



CEO and Chairperson's Report





The past year has been a defining period for Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ), marked by significant transformation, sustained service growth, and meaningful leadership transition. Throughout the year, SHQ has strengthened its role as a leading provider of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services in Western Australia (WA), responding to increasing demand and evolving community need while maintaining a strong focus on quality, access and innovation.

This year marks the conclusion of Debra Barnes' tenure as Chief Executive Officer, with Debra stepping down in June 2026 after six and a half years in the role. Debra's leadership has been characterised by extraordinary vision, energy and commitment, guiding SHQ through a period of substantial growth and organisational transformation. During her tenure, SHQ has significantly expanded its clinical and education services, strengthened its statewide presence, and enhanced its reputation as an innovative and trusted provider.

Debra has overseen a comprehensive program of organisational renewal, including SHQ's rebranding, the modernisation and refurbishment of facilities, and the expansion of service delivery models to improve access and the client experience. Her strong focus on innovation, quality, and person-centred care has had a lasting impact on the organisation and the communities it serves. We acknowledge her outstanding contribution and the enduring legacy she leaves in positioning SHQ as a contemporary, responsive and forward-looking organisation.

Following a planned transition, we are pleased to welcome Alison Kelly as incoming Chief Executive Officer. Alison brings extensive leadership experience and a deep commitment to equitable access to SRH. We look forward to her leadership as SHQ continues to build on its strong foundations.

During the year, the Board also experienced transition, with Rick Brooks stepping down as Chair last November after 10 years. We thank Rick for his leadership and stewardship during a period of significant growth. We warmly welcome Maria Quaggan as Chair, who brings a strong commitment to community, equity and health outcomes, and will guide SHQ through its next chapter.

A significant milestone this year has been the completion of the merger with South Coastal Health & Community Services, expanding access for communities across the south metro corridor and further enhancing SHQ's capacity to provide high-quality clinical care and counselling in response to increasing and more complex community demand.

Following the merger, SHQ has worked closely with the team at South Coastal Babbingur Mia to support the establishment and transition of the service to an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO).

The transition of Babbingur Mia to an independent ACCHO from 1 July 2026 represents a significant milestone and is critical to delivering culturally safe, community-led, and self-determined Aboriginal healthcare, and SHQ is proud to have supported this journey.

Our commitment to reproductive health has remained a core focus, with continued delivery of comprehensive services supporting contraception, abortion care and reproductive choice.

The continuation of the 1800 4 Choice service has ensured Western Australians can access timely, accurate information and referral pathways, while our partnership with Women's and Newborn Health Service has strengthened integration across the health system and improved continuity of care for clients.

The development of the SHQ Cockburn Day Procedure Centre represents a major advancement in SHQ's clinical capability and infrastructure. Supported by a $2.5 million election commitment,

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this investment will support the establishment of a contemporary, purpose-designed facility. The Centre will play a critical role in ensuring timely, safe, high-quality reproductive health care and will further position SHQ to meet increasing demand in the future.

SHQ continues to play a leading role in sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention, testing and treatment at a time when STI rates remain a significant public health concern nationally. Through accessible clinical services, targeted outreach, and professional and community education initiatives, SHQ has contributed to early detection, treatment and prevention, while working to reduce stigma, increase access and improve health outcomes. This work has been complemented by SHQ's contribution to the WA Health STI Clinical Services Review, ensuring that future service design is informed by frontline expertise and community need.

Innovation has remained central to SHQ's approach throughout the year. The commencement of initiatives such as SHQ 2U has expanded outreach capability and improved access to services for communities who may otherwise experience barriers to care. Programs such as Finding My Voice reflect SHQ's commitment to empowerment, education and supporting individuals to make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. These initiatives demonstrate the organisation's ongoing focus on developing flexible, person-centred and innovative models of care.

Innovation has been further supported through the implementation of REDCap, which strengthens SHQ's ability to collect, analyse, and report on client outcomes and service impact. This enhanced data capability supports evidence-based decision-making, continuous improvement, and demonstrates the effectiveness and value of services delivered across the organisation.

Partnerships continue to underpin SHQ's work, including collaborations with Allambee and Nintirri Centre to support access to timely sexual and reproductive clinical services in regional WA. At a national level, SHQ remains an active member of Sexual and Reproductive Health Australia (SRHA) (formerly known as the Family Planning Alliance Australia), contributing to collective advocacy, policy development and shared learning across jurisdictions.

Through its partnership with SRHA, SHQ continues to invest in workforce development through initiatives such as the LARC (Long-Acting Reversible Contraception) Scholarships, which play a vital role in increasing access to LARC by building clinical expertise across the state.

As SHQ enters its next phase, we do so with confidence in our strong foundations, a clear strategic direction, and a continued commitment to improving SRH outcomes for all Western Australians.

We extend our sincerest thanks to our Board Directors for their leadership and governance, and to our funders and partners whose ongoing support enables SHQ to deliver high-quality services and drive innovation. We also acknowledge the passion, dedication, professionalism and commitment of our staff, whose work every day makes a meaningful difference to the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve.



Maria Quaggan
Chair of the Board

Debra Barnes
Chief Executive Officer

Meet Our Board



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Chairperson



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Vice Chairperson



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Vice Chairperson



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Board Member
Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee



Dr Gill Walker
Board Member
(Appointed Nov 2025)



Rita McIlduff
Board Member
Member of Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee
(Appointed Nov 2025)

Our Year in Review



Click-and-Self-Collect STI Testing

In July 2025, SHQ commenced a pilot of our Click-and-Self-Collect STI Testing service, offering a discreet and flexible pathway for STI and BBV testing through SHQ's online booking platform. The service was intentionally introduced as a low-profile trial, without active marketing or promotion, to assess client demand and inform service design.

During the pilot period, 323 people accessed the service, with more than half engaging with SHQ for the first time. Clients could either collect a self-testing kit from SHQ Northbridge or receive a pathology request form to attend a pathology provider of their choice. Results were provided through the client's preferred contact method, with follow-up care available when required.

Collection completion rates have remained high, with a median turnaround time of just one day between form submission and sample collection. The pilot demonstrated strong demand for more flexible testing options and highlighted the potential to reduce common barriers to care, including stigma, cost, geography and time constraints.

Insights gained through the pilot enabled SHQ to refine operational processes and develop a sustainable service model. The strong uptake and positive outcomes supported the decision to formally launch Click-and-Self-Collect STI Testing as an ongoing SHQ service from July 2026.





Nintirri Partnership

SHQ's partnership with the Nintirri Centre is helping to improve access to specialised sexual and reproductive healthcare for people living in the Pilbara.

Regional communities often face barriers, including limited service availability, long travel distances, confidentiality concerns, and difficulty accessing consistent women's health care. In response, SHQ and Nintirri Centre established a regular outreach model to deliver specialist services closer to home.

Since late 2025, SHQ Medical Director Dr Samantha Johnson has travelled to Tom Price on three occasions, providing seven days of clinical care and delivering over 50 individual services, including cervical screening, STI testing, menopause consultations, contraception care (including IUD procedures), and specialist referrals.

The strong community response highlights the importance of locally accessible healthcare and demonstrates the impact of collaborative approaches in improving health outcomes and supporting workforce capacity across regional Western Australia. We look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.



Image: Dr Samantha Johnson at the Nintirri Centre

Sexual Wellbeing in Menopause

In 2025, SHQ launched the Sexual Wellbeing in Menopause Clinic to meet the growing demand for specialised menopause care and support.

Through a multidisciplinary Shared Care Model, clinicians and counsellors work alongside clients and their GPs to provide evidence-based treatment, symptom management, counselling, and tailored sexual and reproductive healthcare.

New clients begin with a comprehensive 60-minute assessment, ensuring they receive information about SHQ's model of care and can complete any necessary investigations before commencing treatment.

The clinic reflects SHQ's commitment to delivering accessible, person-centred healthcare and supporting people to navigate menopause with confidence, knowledge and choice.

Cervical Screening with Pride

In November 2025, SHQ partnered with ACON to provide self-collected cervical screening tests and outreach STI/BBV testing at WA Pride Fair Day.

LGBTIQA+ people with a cervix often face greater barriers to cervical screening and typically demonstrate lower testing rates. SHQ is committed to reducing these barriers and improving uptake of cervical screening in the LGBTIQA+ community by providing access to regular and ongoing safe and affirming care. This service is designed to provide inclusive, accessible, and community-based healthcare, enabling participants to pre-register online or attend on the day. A dedicated private testing space ensured confidentiality and comfort throughout the event.

During the event, SHQ engaged 48 individuals, of whom 30 completed a self-collected cervical screening test. More than half of these individuals were overdue for screening, and three participants aged over 30 reported they had never been screened. In addition, 27 people accessed STI/BBV testing, including nine individuals who chose to undertake both cervical screening and STI testing. 18 people elected to access STI testing only, reflecting the diverse healthcare needs of attendees, including those who were not due for cervical screening or did not have a cervix.

By bringing preventative healthcare directly into a trusted community setting, the initiative reduced barriers to screening and testing, promoted early detection, and strengthened engagement with culturally safe healthcare services.

The strong uptake and positive community response demonstrates the value of delivering sexual and reproductive healthcare in community settings. The event highlighted how outreach models can engage people who may not otherwise access clinic-based services, supporting earlier intervention and improved health outcomes.

Feedback:

"Fabulous to get this done"

"Everyone was friendly and it was easy."

"Great idea!"

"Great service and kind staff"



Image: Nurse Ellie and Dr Samantha at Perth Fair Day



Images: Education team members Caren and Karen with conference attendees (left), Education Team Lead Karen presenting at the Women Deliver Conference (below). My Voice Matters work-in-progress (bottom right).

Tackling Forced Marriage in Australia

SHQ continued to play a leading role in preventing forced marriage and promoting women's rights through education, advocacy and community partnerships.

In 2026, members of the Community Education Team presented at the Women Deliver Conference in Melbourne, delivering a session on forced marriage in Australia alongside survivor-led organisation Boland Parwaz. Supported by Walk Free, the presentation challenged common misconceptions and highlighted the role of survivor-informed approaches in prevention, policy development and service delivery.

The team also delivered professional development training for practitioners across health, education, youth work, family violence, migrant and refugee services, and faith-based organisations. Developed in partnership with the University of Western Australia, the training increased awareness of forced marriage indicators, risk factors and available support pathways.

These activities form part of the Hura Project, which supports culturally respectful, co-designed education initiatives that empower communities to understand their rights, recognise forced marriage, and safely access support.



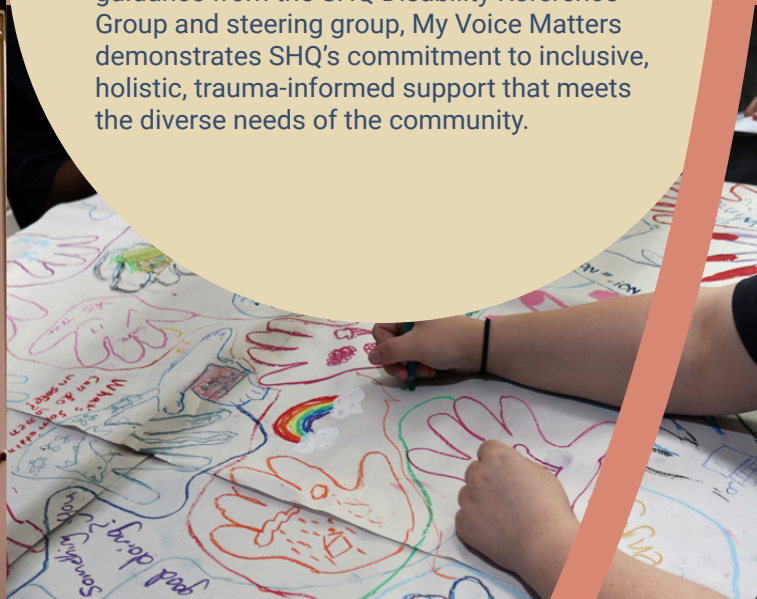
My Voice Matters

In January 2026, SHQ's Disability Team launched My Voice Matters, a trauma-informed art therapy program for children and young people with disability who have experienced abuse or sexual violence.

Delivered over six weeks across three metropolitan Perth locations, the program created a safe and supportive environment for participants to build emotional literacy, confidence and help-seeking skills while exploring topics including wellbeing, body safety, relationships and grief.

Combining therapeutic art practice with structured abuse-prevention education, the program promotes protective behaviours, body autonomy and emotional regulation in ways that are accessible to neurodivergent and non-verbal children who are often excluded from mainstream prevention and early intervention programs.

Funded by Telethon and developed with guidance from the SHQ Disability Reference Group and steering group, My Voice Matters demonstrates SHQ's commitment to inclusive, holistic, trauma-informed support that meets the diverse needs of the community.



AUSLARC Program

The Australian Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (AUSLARC) program was launched in 2025, expanding access to contraceptive choice and strengthening workforce capacity across Australia.

Delivered nationally by Sexual and Reproductive Health Australia (SRHA) in partnership with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the program provides fully funded Implanon and IUD training, including travel and accommodation support for eligible health professionals.

As an SRHA Member Organisation and WA's AUSLARC training provider, SHQ has played a key role in increasing clinical capacity, particularly in regional areas. To date, most participants completing IUD training, and almost half completing contraceptive implant training, have been based in regional WA.

By increasing the number of skilled providers, AUSLARC aims to improve equitable access to contraception, reduce unintended pregnancies and support better reproductive health outcomes across metropolitan, rural and remote communities.

The Surf Ed Program

Surf Ed is a key initiative developed in partnership with the Salvation Army and Surfing WA. The nine-week program combined surfing lessons with sexual health education, providing young people with opportunities to learn about healthy relationships, consent, identity, self-esteem and respectful communication in an engaging environment.

Surf Ed feedback – the best thing I learnt was:

- "Don't be a follower and don't listen to society"
- "Be yourself"
- "Be more inclusive"
- "You don't have to share everything about you but still have trust"
- "Sexual consent and boundaries "
- "We have feelings"
- "You want it or not, it's exceptionally beneficial to know about consent and healthy relationships"



Image: Surf Ed Program participants and facilitators.

Disability Education Schools' Programs and National Professional Development Training

We engaged numerous schools over the year through our disability education program, delivering tailored evidence-based, and trauma-informed sexuality and relationships education programs to young people with disability across the Metro and Peel regions, and upskilling support staff to improve their skills and confidence in sexuality and relationships education.

The Disability Education Team delivered programs across a number of secondary schools, including John Tonkin College, Christ Church Grammar School, Byford Secondary College, Coastal Lakes College and Kensington Secondary School.

Participants were from years 7-12. Topics covered included respectful relationships, online safety, protective education, sex and consent, bodies, periods, puberty, sexting, porn and online safety.

Our team also delivered six Sexuality & Disability: What You Need to Know! sessions in the Northern Territory across multiple regions spanning Alice Springs to Darwin. The two-day course equips participants with the confidence and skills to navigate sexuality and healthy relationships with their clients and students who live with disability.





Images: Sex and Disability: What You Need to Know in Alice Springs.

Working in Custodial Settings

The Community Education Team continued to deliver weekly relationships, consent and sexual health education sessions with young people aged 12 – 17 in Banksia Hill Detention Centre. Utilising a framework of international best practice in relationships, consent and sexual health education (RSE), the program is highly responsive, trauma-informed, and flexible to respond to young people's needs.

A combination of art, activities, games and self-care, the RSE sessions aim to build young people's knowledge, confidence and skills. For many young people, it is their first opportunity to learn about growing up, puberty changes, healthy relationships, consent and sexual health. The program continues to be very popular, with high engagement from young people and positive feedback from staff.

The Sisters Project

With support from the Department of Communities, the Sisters Project entered its implementation stage this year, working with people in prisons to codesign a RSE program focussing on the prevention of sexual violence (PSV).

Working across three prisons, girls and women, boys and young men participated in an 8 - 10 session RSE program, during which they contributed to and designed the new PSV Program. The program is so popular at the two adult prisons that we had to create a waitlist for those wanting to participate.

Workshops have been held across all three sites with a wealth of contributions from staff across, health, psychological services, programs, custodial and management teams.

We look forward to the completion of the codesign programs, where information gathered will be synthesised and aligned with research and best-practice RSE to pilot and evaluate a PSV RSE program designed for use in custodial settings and community nationally. A manual will be produced to enable information sharing, community development and knowledge dissemination across Australia.

Mooditj Leader Training

It has been another great year for Mooditj Leader Training. The Aboriginal Education team delivered four calendar events located at our Northbridge office and one organisational training for the Waalitj Foundation and their amazing youth workers from schools across the state. The Aboriginal Education team delivered in Darwin, Northern Territory, Port Lincoln, South Australia, and did the loop all the way back to Port Hedland, here in our own backyard.



Image: Mooditj Leader Training in Darwin.

Ngatti House Program

In 2026, SHQ Educators continued to deliver and evaluate a comprehensive, trauma-informed, strengths-based RSE program at Ngatti House. The Fremantle service provides residential and community-based services to homeless youth aged 17 to 22.

Delivered over eight weeks, the program included a visit to SHQ's Northbridge clinic, where young people accessed free, opportunistic STI testing with support from educators and an SHQ nurse.

The program was responsive to participant needs and created a supportive environment for youth at the intersections of multiple identities and experiences to share their perspectives. Participants' lived experiences greatly enriched discussions across all topics throughout the program. Evaluation showed an increase in young people's knowledge of sexual rights, the impact of gendered stereotypes on romantic relationships, consent, respectful relationships, reproductive health, sexual health, and sexting.

Schools

This year, the Education Team delivered 164 sessions in schools. This included primary and secondary schools, public schools and independent schools. Participants were in years 5 - 12.

We continued to deliver our Whole-School Approach at Wesley College and Guildford Grammar School.

We delivered programs and sessions with four primary schools, all of which we have ongoing partnerships spanning several years and created new partnerships with a range of public and private schools, including SEDA College, Gilmore College and Harrisdale Senior High School.

We worked with year 7 - 10 boys from refugee and migrant backgrounds at Lynwood Senior High School in a tailored program covering gender stereotypes, masculinity, consent and boundaries. We also delivered new topics this year around healthy masculinity and online safety.



Images: SHQ Project Officer Bree shopping at the IDPwD Markets (left), a market stallholder selling their handmade wares (below).



IDPwD Festive Markets

SHQ's International Day of People with Disability Festive Markets continued to grow in 2025, providing an inclusive space for community connection, celebration and entrepreneurship.

Supported by the Department of Communities and SHQ's Disability Reference Group, the event showcased a diverse range of disability-led small businesses offering artwork, handmade products, fashion, accessories, toys and specialty goods.

Alongside market stalls, attendees enjoyed a tailored sensory space providing a calm and accessible environment.

The event highlights SHQ's commitment to promoting inclusion, celebrating the achievements of people with disability, and creating meaningful opportunities for community participation.

Sex Work 101: Awareness Training for Professionals and Services

The Magenta Sex Worker Project's Inclusive Practice Online Training has continued to grow since its launch in 2025, increasing the knowledge and confidence of professionals working with sex workers across Western Australia.

Developed and delivered by peer educators, the training provides practical information on legislation, workplace safety, health requirements, service accessibility, common misconceptions about the sex industry, and ways to work more inclusively with sex workers.

Delivered online, the program enables metropolitan, regional and remote organisations to access specialist education regardless of location. Participation more than doubled between July 2025 and May 2026, reflecting strong sector demand.

Participant feedback indicates improved confidence in supporting sex workers and a growing appetite for further tailored training. The program continues to play an important role in reducing stigma and promoting more inclusive, accessible services statewide.

SHQ 2 U

In 2025, SHQ undertook the first stage of co-design for SHQ 2U, a proposed outreach service delivering mobile cervical screening for people with disability.

Funded by the Western Australian Cervical Cancer Prevention Program, the consultation ran from March to August and engaged 124 participants: 96 people with disability, 11 family members or carers, and 17 disability service providers. Participants contributed through accessible surveys, interviews and focus groups offered in person, online and by telephone.





Consultation questions were co-developed by SHQ's Disability Team and Developmental Disability WA, written in Easy English, and piloted with clients with intellectual disability.

Feedback showed overwhelming support for a flexible outreach model that could provide screening at home or in another familiar setting. Participants prioritised clear information, longer appointments, a female trauma-aware clinician, continuity of care, accessible communication, interpreters, support people, and culturally respectful practice.

SHQ 2U launched in July 2026, with 14 recommendations guiding the service's ongoing co-design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, ensuring the service is person-centred, inclusive, accessible and responsive to individual needs.

South Coastal Health and Community Services

In 2025, SHQ successfully completed its acquisition of South Coastal Health and Community Services (SCHCS), strengthening access to high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare across Western Australia's South Metropolitan and Peel regions.

The integration has already increased local service capacity, including the addition of a medical practitioner providing four clinics per week and a registered nurse delivering two clinics per week in Rockingham.

This expanded workforce supports improved access to timely, responsive healthcare for communities experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage and reflects SHQ's commitment to ensuring equitable access to essential health services across Western Australia.

SHQ Welcomes New CEO, Alison Kelly

In June 2026, we welcomed Alison Kelly as the new Chief Executive Officer of Sexual Health Quarters. This marks an important leadership transition as SHQ continues to strengthen its impact across sexual and reproductive health, education and community services.

Alison brings the experience, values and leadership style needed to guide SHQ into our next chapter. A highly respected purpose-led leader, she has extensive experience across health, disability, mental health and community services.

We sincerely thank Debra Barnes for her leadership, commitment and outstanding contribution to SHQ. Her dedication has left a lasting positive impact on our organisation, our people, and the communities we support, and we are truly grateful for everything she gave during her time as CEO. As we acknowledge Debra's contribution, we also look forward to the next chapter of SHQ's work under Alison's leadership.



Our Impact

2025 - 2026

Magenta

572
Total number of appointments

281
Total number of clients

Sex Worker Information and Education

14,290
Total number of interactions

South Coastal Mental Health Services

509 Emotional health and wellbeing sessions

574 FDV Counselling sessions

650 Perinatal mental health sessions

Clinical Education

225
Total doctors attended

180	8	29
Theory	IPV online module	CST Self-collection online module

266
Total nurses attended

229	2	35
Theory	IPV online module	CST Self-collection online module

Training

304
Registrar clinics

400
Teaching clinics

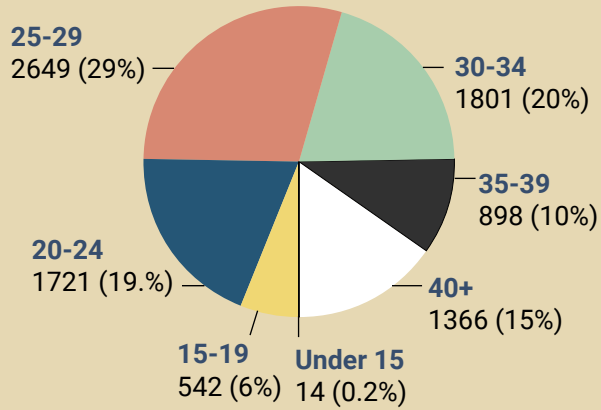
Clinical Services

8,991
Total number of clients

14,777
Total number of appointments

36,409
STI/BBV tests undertaken

Age Breakdown



Sexual Health Helpline

7,795

Total number of contacts

Counselling

383
Total number of clients

1,033
Total number of appointments

Disability Counselling

236
Total number of clients

1,966
Total number of appointments

Education and Events

4866
Youth & community participants

1148
Total professionals trained

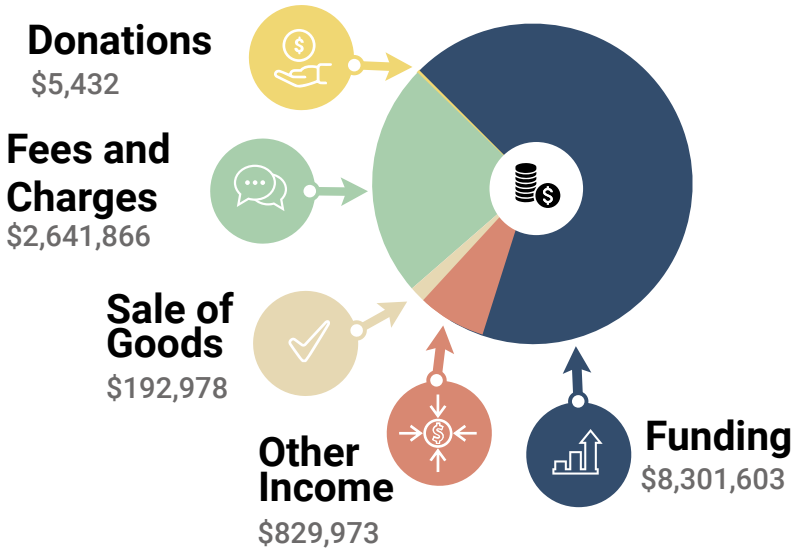
Expos/Events

24
Events Attended

5,317
Community Interactions

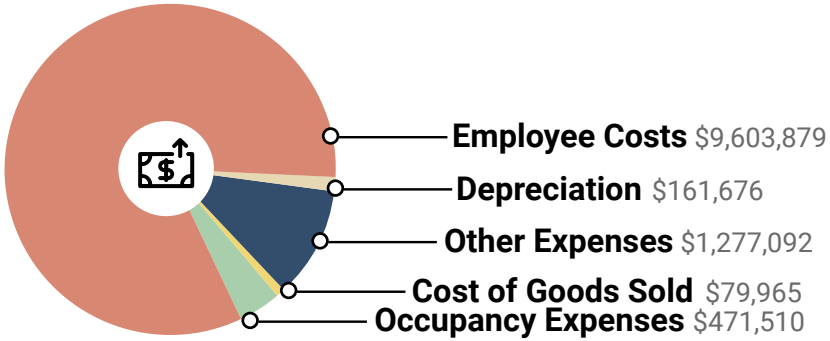
Financials

Revenue



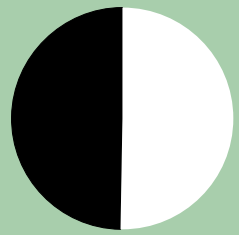
Total Revenue $11,971,852

Expenses



Total Expenses $11,594,122

Assets



- Current Assets $6,344,346
- Non-Current Assets $6,208,901
- Total Assets $12,553,247

Liabilities



- Current Liabilities $4,606,117
- Non-Current Liabilities $1,039,930
- Total Liabilities $5,646,047

Equity $6,907,200

Our People

Our commitment to diversity and inclusion remained central as we welcomed the South Coastal Health & Community Services team into SHQ. Supporting vulnerable and underserved populations can be incredibly rewarding but also challenging and emotionally demanding. Supporting staff resilience and safeguarding the health and wellbeing of our workforce remains a priority as the cost of living rises and demand for accessible health and wellbeing services grows.

We strive to create a warm, welcoming environment where staff feel comfortable, accepted, and heard, so we can drive our strategic objectives and continue to meet the growing and changing needs of our priority populations.



Gwen Leavesley Award

Jye Walker

The Gwen Leavesley Award recognises the outstanding commitment and contribution of a Western Australian to sexual health, respectful relationships, and the rights of the WA community.

Jye has been crucial in developing Aboriginal Education for young people and has delivered Mooditj Leader Training to thousands of youth and community workers across Australia, both as an educator and as the coordinator of SHQ's Aboriginal Education.

We are proud to recognise his work and dedication to supporting young Aboriginal people to make positive, informed choices about their wellbeing and relationships.

Staff Service Awards

Name	Anniversary
Alice Webb	5 Years
Amanda O'Donovan	5 Years
Bronwyn Jones	5 Years
Francisca Carrero-Baños	5 Years
Gina Zammit	5 Years
Cherie Seabrook	10 Years
Kathryn Buhlmann (South Coastal Health & Community Services)	10 Years
Nicole Filar	10 Years
Tracey Meikle	15 Years
Teresa Duffield	15 Years
Carol Millar	20 Years
Alison Creagh	25 Years



IPAA WA Achievement Awards

SHQ was awarded the Moore Australia (WA) Award for Best Collaboration Between Government and any other Organisation, Category 1 Silver for the 1800 4 Choice unplanned pregnancy support service, developed in partnership with the Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS).

This honour recognises SHQ and WNHS staff who worked tirelessly to make this vital project a reality and is a testament to our commitment to partnering with departments and organisations across the sector to improve access to sexual health and relationship wellbeing services and information.

Awards and Recognition

40 Under 40 Awards 2026

SHQ Medical Director, Dr Samantha Johnson, was recognised at the 40 under 40 Awards in the Intrapreneur category.

She received well-deserved acknowledgement for implementing and facilitating multiple programs at SHQ over the past 10 years, reducing traditional barriers, destigmatising care and creating tangible benefits for both the community and our organisation.



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