

Year in Review 2024-2025



Thriviving Queensland
Kids Partnership



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the places where we live and work, and their continuing connection to land and sea, kin, culture and community.

We pay respect to Elders past and present, and to First Nations colleagues. We are privileged to welcome and grow our children and support our families in these places.

We acknowledge the resilience, determination, leadership, generosity and innovation of First Nations peoples, and we recognise the value inherent in Indigenous ways of 'knowing, being and doing'.



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FOREWORD

Our vision: within one generation,
every young Queenslander is thriving.

As we bring Phase 2 (2022-2025) of the Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership (TQKP) to a close, we do so with deep reflection, immense gratitude, and renewed determination.

Phase 2 has been a time of activating the partnership. We have moved from concept to practice—building connections, capabilities and capacities across and within the ecosystem. We have supported leaders to ‘play and learn’ together, and early signs of impact and value are emerging.

Over the past 12 months TQKP made significant progress and successfully delivered all activities for Phase 2. As this Year in Review shows, we are helping bring consistency and alignment to efforts that have long been fragmented, leading to transformed outcomes for children and young people in Queensland. We are nurturing the conditions for lasting change.

The collective momentum and progress we are experiencing is not ours alone—it belongs to the many hands, hearts and minds who have joined us in this journey.

Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership is giving life to the saying “making the whole greater than the sum of the parts.” As we enter our next phase, with generous investment from a growing group of philanthropic partners, we do so with a profound sense of responsibility and courage.

TQKP remains committed to being a platform for collective leadership, learning and action. We are proud of what we have achieved together so far—and even more excited about what lies ahead.

Thank you for walking with us—now, and into the future.



Jane Yacopetti
Chair – Management Board
Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership



Michael Hogan
Executive Convenor
Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership



2024-2025 AT A GLANCE

We brought together

14,315

people at events
and presentations

7

new agreements
and/or Memorandums of
Understanding were signed

We supported **16**
applications for funding for
projects led by our partners,
collaborators and networks

Successful applications secured

\$4,406,931

of additional funding for TQKP or
our partners

Our YouTube clips
were watched

2,383 times

Our LinkedIn page attracted

1,701

new followers
(new total: 5,435)

More than **1,600**
partners, collaborators,
connectors and changemakers
are now part of the TQKP
network

170

people attended our Phase 3
(2025–2030) launch event

OUR COLLECTIVE IMPACT

“What took years to progress before is now happening in months—and TQKP’s role in aligning partners and messaging is central to that.”

Collaborator, community not-for-profit sector.



This year (1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025) marked a period of significant, measured progress for the Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership (TQKP). The work to date across our focus initiatives has laid foundations upon which we successfully delivered every activity critical to activate the partnership, leading to early but strong signals of system change. Building on these strong foundations we can begin to leverage change across the whole system. Together with our partners, we are reshaping how Queensland’s systems understand and respond to the needs of children, young people, and families.

Across the state, TQKP is emerging as a catalyst for change, engaging with people and organisations across health, early learning, education, family support, mental health, disability, child protection, youth services, housing, justice and more.

Our collective efforts are driving new ways of working that prioritise prevention, elevate First Nations voices, and translate the science of child development into everyday practice.

At the heart of this work is community. By strengthening the foundations of community-led change, TQKP is supporting local leaders, caregivers, and cultural knowledge holders to build capability, confidence, and collective ownership in child and young person development. Through strategic support and co-designed approaches, communities are embedding wellbeing into daily life, and it’s happening everywhere, from playgroups, to schools, to local councils.

From concept to practice

In the past 12 months, TQKP has supported leaders to connect, collaborate, and “play and learn” together. These cross-sector connections are laying the groundwork for more coordinated responses to children’s developmental needs.

These relationships are accelerating progress. What may once have taken years we are now being told is advancing in months, thanks to trust, shared language, and a unified commitment to children’s wellbeing.

"We're seeing cross-sector engagement grow—housing, health, early years, schools, family support. And we're seeing First Nations voices centred in ways that wouldn't have happened without the support and backing of something like TQKP."

Collaborator, tertiary research sector.

Backing communities

The past 12 months also featured a strong collaboration of people and place. Co-designed with place-based collaborators, the Queensland Place-based Rivermap identified strategic opportunities to strengthen place-based work and led to the development of the Queensland Place-based Network Model which has, so far, secured \$1.5 million in funding.

Place-based partnerships are crucial for advancing equity, as they are uniquely aware of, and positioned to respond to local context, strengths and history. The network brings together over 50 communities to build the social infrastructure to collectively steward the system and increase efficiencies, drive innovation, and future-proof our Queensland place-based ecosystem.

Thriving Kids in Disasters
at the Scenic Rim 2024
Get Ready Event



Embedding neuroscience into practice

A cornerstone of our work has been embedding neuroscience into professional learning, tertiary education, and organisational policy and practice. Brain science provides a common language that helps professionals across diverse sectors communicate, collaborate, and respond more effectively. This year, we:

- integrated neuroscience into curricula at the University of the Sunshine Coast and TAFE Queensland
- saw the Enabling Workforces and Organisations Toolkit inform curricular reviews and extend its influence into workplaces and communities well beyond the project's initial scope, including youth justice early action groups in Townsville and Mt Isa

- worked with partners such as Early Childhood Australia, Montessori, and the State Library of Queensland to embed neuro-informed approaches into professional platforms.

These efforts mean that a growing number of Queensland professionals, including teachers, health workers, and social workers, now have practical, accessible resources to translate knowledge into practice.

By embedding neuroscience sustainably into existing standards and training systems, we are strengthening Queensland's workforce to better support children, young people, and families to thrive.

“Being a part of TQKP gave me the confidence to step up and speak up. I didn’t see myself as a leader before – now I do.”

Collaborator, community not-for-profit sector.

Building leadership and shared language

Alongside embedding knowledge, we invested in leadership and communication. Through the Framing Champions Leadership Group, we brought together 21 CEOs and executive leaders from 12 organisations, including peak bodies, government, service providers, academia, and advocacy groups.

The impact of this work is evident.

An independent evaluation of the Framing Initiative found that:

- participants are using framing strategies across all communication types, suggesting these approaches are becoming embedded in their practice
- almost all participants have changed their communication practice since first engaging with TQKP
- most participants agree that they feel confident in explaining the concept of framing and using frames in the workplace.

Additionally, a speaker’s brief to support effective framing of messages was prepared for the National Early Years Policy Summit and the Shaping Futures Symposium; and the Framing Champions, represented by 11 organisations, released a Call to Action for all Queenslanders to champion early years messaging that transforms mindsets.

In April 2025, we co-hosted the Framing for Change event with FrameWorks Institute and Minderoo Foundation, drawing 80 participants and demonstrating the growing confidence of leaders to invite peers into the movement.

The Framing for Change Learning Hub, launched in September 2024, has since been visited more than 1,100 times, spreading these tools and practices more widely.

Translating knowledge into action

Our Thriving Kids in Disasters (TKiD) initiative has also gained momentum. This year we:

- released the Phase 1 Report and shared findings with nearly 90 government, philanthropy, and community leaders
- delivered “Words into Practice” activities with more than 400 people, including more than 200 children, across Queensland communities impacted by disasters
- established the TKiD Leadership Alliance, bringing together around 40 representatives to co-design the Action and Investment Plan
- released both the Action and Investment Plan and the Community Engagement Report, formally commencing Phase 3 and securing momentum for the future.

This work ensures children and families remain central to disaster management, recovery, and resilience strategies.

“Thank you so much for joining us at the meeting. The team love the information and are feeling more comfortable in their roles because of the time and the resources you have shared.”

Collaborator, Queensland crisis response team.



TQKP staff and Leadership Table members discussing the Phase 3 Impact Strategy at the Leadership Retreat - March 2025.

“TQKP gave us the framing, the relationships, and the shared language.”

Collaborator, community not-for-profit sector.

Stories of change

Beyond the numbers, it is the stories of change that remind us why this work matters.

TQKP is driving the development and uptake of strategic system-level tools that are guiding how Queensland invests in, measures, and sustains child and adolescent development.

Through co-designed roadmaps, frameworks, and visual tools, TQKP has enabled leaders and organisations to align efforts, influence policy, and embed systemic approaches, which lays the groundwork for long-lasting infrastructure and smarter investment.

“Our partners and collaborators report being able to reach and work with people they were unable to access before joining TQKP because the Partnership gave them access, legitimacy and momentum.”

Partner, CEO community health sector.

Looking ahead

Every milestone achieved this year reflects TQKP’s ways of working: to connect, catalyse and learn. Our work is about more than organisational change; it is about giving every child in Queensland the chance to thrive.

As we move into our next phase, with generous investment from a growing group of philanthropic partners, we carry both responsibility and hope. We know that systems change is long-term and complex. It requires deep collaboration, trust, and a willingness to adapt.

Most importantly, it requires us to remain grounded in the voices and lived experiences of children, young people, families, communities and the dedicated professionals who support them.

We are proud of what we have collectively achieved in 2024-25 and even more excited about the opportunities ahead. Together, with our partners and Queensland communities, we will continue to drive meaningful, lasting impact for Queensland’s children and young people in 2025 and beyond.

In June 2025, we launched our new, bold five-year Impact Strategy setting the agenda for our next chapter.



OUR STORY

Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership (TQKP)* is a growing partnership of people and organisations committed to every young Queenslander thriving.

We have an ambitious vision to transform outcomes for all children and young people in Queensland within one generation.

Since 2020, over 1,000 people and organisations have partnered and collaborated with TQKP, and many more have engaged in the growing TQKP community.

We are grateful to all our partners, collaborators and networks who have engaged in the TQKP journey so far, including our investing philanthropic partners, agencies providing grants, other donors and our host, ARACY, who are making our collective work possible.

* TQKP has been established since 2020 and is not part of the proposed Thriving Kids program that was announced in 2025 by the Commonwealth Government. We simply share a similar name.

Our investing partners in Phase 2 include Hand Heart Pocket, Helping Hands Network Foundation, Paul Ramsay Foundation, Queensland Family and Child Commission, Queensland Mental Health Commission, Tim Fairfax Family Foundation, The Bryan Foundation and The John Villiers Trust.

Over the past three years (2022-2025), TQKP has grown from a bold idea into a dynamic and evolving coalition for systems change. We have seen a groundswell of interest and engagement from across Queensland and beyond—from people and organisations working in health, early learning, education, family support, mental health, disability, child protection, youth, housing, justice and more.

Together, we are building a shared movement to change the outcomes for Queensland's children, young people and families, now and into the future.

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