

# TALK ABOUT

## LET'S TALK ABOUT...

TALK ABOUT is a way for Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN to ask you about your experience with health care in your community.

We want to TALK ABOUT what you think is working well and what you think could be done better. Throughout 2021, we have 4 topics for you to give feedback on. From 19 July until 29 August, we will be promoting health and preventing disease by TALKING ABOUT...

### CANCER SCREENING

Did you know these interesting facts about cancer screening in our region?

around **22,000** people in our region have been diagnosed with cancer.

Most common cancers were:



Skin cancer



Breast cancer



Prostate cancer



Bowel cancer

In 2019, around

**4** in **10** people in the region participated in one of the national cancer screening programs (bowel, breast and cervical).

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE OUR SHORT SURVEY

[ddwmpn.com.au/talk-about](https://ddwmpn.com.au/talk-about)

THE NEXT TOPIC TO TALK ABOUT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER 2021

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## WHAT WE HEARD

TALK ABOUT is a way for Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN to ask you about your experience with health care in your community.

From 19 July until 29 August 2021, we asked you to 'talk about' what you think about **CANCER SCREENING** services in our region.

We received responses from...



**68** community members



**28** health professionals



**38** community members were also consulted through Kitchen Table events.

This is **WHAT WE HEARD...**

Overall, most community members in our region reported they are likely to participate in a **CANCER SCREENING** program in the future, with a score of **8.3 out of 10**.

What are potential barriers to regular cancer screening



You mentioned...

- lack of knowledge or awareness regarding cancer screening prevention programs
- COVID-19 restrictions
- fear of discomfort and embarrassment regarding the screening experience, and
- difficulty accessing cancer screening services, especially in rural and remote areas.

You also raised...

- lack of transportation, and
- time constraints and work commitments.

What would help you attend a regular cancer screening



You would like to see...

- increased promotion and awareness about cancer screening
- increased use of telephone and text message reminders to attend appointments or follow-up support, and
- increased mobile cancer screening services in rural and remote areas.

You also suggested...

- linking cancer screening with other appointments with medical practitioners
- incentives such as cost-free services and arranged transportation, and
- flexibility with appointment times and options for after-hours appointments.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our survey!  
We look forward to hearing from you on our next topics.