

# About AQ

## Our Vision

A life of participation, opportunity, and choice.

## Our Mission

We partner with people on the autism spectrum, their families, and communities to remove barriers and realise potential.

## Our Values

Our core values represent who we are and what is important to us. They embody how we work every day.

- Integrity & Authenticity
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Strengths Focus
- Safety & Wellbeing
- Evidence-Informed Practice



Our collective experience, knowledge and perspectives ensure we deliver tailored, strengths-focused and evidence-informed services that support learning, participation and wellbeing.

AQ's experience, insight and knowledge gained over **55 years** of operation has led to the development of highly effective supports and services.

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Or scan the QR code.



# Our History

## Formed in 1966

Registered as a charity with the Queensland Government in 1967 - Autistic Children's Association of Queensland (Inc).

## First Funded Program

Employment of a part-time occupational therapist who worked with two children.

## Our Name

After several name changes - Autism Association Queensland Inc (1999) and Autism Queensland Inc (2002) - the organisation became a company limited by guarantee, Autism Queensland Limited, in 2013.

## AQ Today

We are Queensland's lead agency in the provision of targeted services for children and adults on the autism spectrum.

A commitment to excellence and a professional practice supervision framework ensures evidence informed practice is embedded in what we do every day. We pride ourselves on statewide service delivery and strive to support the development of every person's potential.

## Our Team

We employ over 400 professionals and support staff from a range of relevant backgrounds. These include teachers, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists, social workers, lifestyle support workers, teacher-aides, well-being facilitators, learning facilitators and more.

Our staff include people with lived experience of autism working in consulting and service delivery roles.

## Advisory Committee

AQ's Advisory Committee comprising people on the spectrum and parents contribute important lived experience perspective.

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# Services Overview

**We are actively engaged in research focused on education, therapy and supports to improve outcomes for people on the spectrum.**

## Allied Health & Diagnostic Assessments:

AQ has a multidisciplinary team of professionals qualified to conduct a range of assessments with children, adolescents and adults for diagnostic and other purposes

## AQ School:

Independent autism-friendly school with campuses in Sunnybank Hills, Brighton (Prep-Y12) & Cairns (Prep-Y6).

## Consultancy Services:

These include School Autism Consultants, inclusion supports, customised training etc.

## EarlyAQtion:

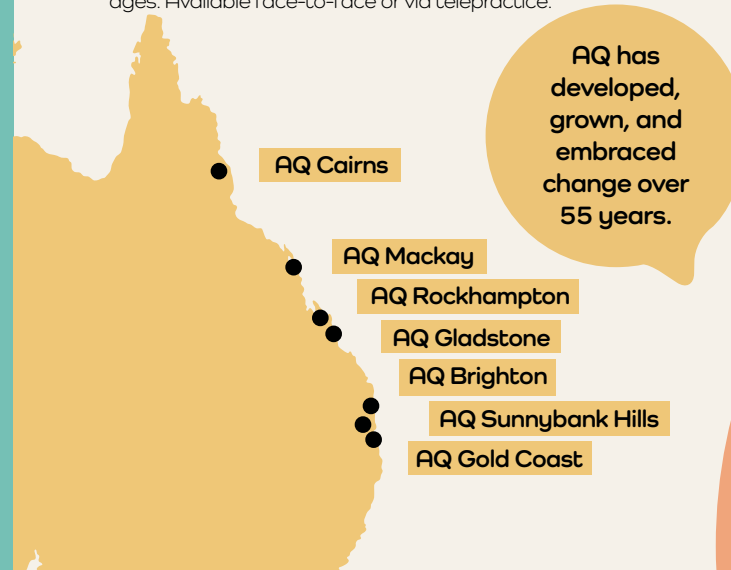
Kindi groups, therapy & other services for young children, their families & others who support them.

## Employment Services:

Helping adults to explore, navigate & sustain work. Enabling businesses to successfully employ people on the spectrum.

## Individual Therapy:

Speech pathology, occupational therapy & psychology for all ages. Available face-to-face or via telepractice.



## Therapy Groups:

For all ages, focusing on individual goals (i.e. making friends, transition to school & work, confidence building & more).

## Mental Health Services:

Assessment and therapeutic supports for adolescents and adults on the autism spectrum seeking support; autism-specific training for mental health professionals.

## Professional Learning & Parent Education:

Workshops & webinars on a range of autism-specific topics. AQ also delivers free Early Days workshops for parents of children six and under.

## School Advisory Service:

Our specialist teachers & therapists visit schools throughout QLD to provide information, advice & individualised support.

## Specialist Behaviour Support:

Individualised strategies for people with disability to reduce the occurrence & impact of behaviours of concern.

## Support Coordination:

Support connection & co-ordination of supports for NDIS participants delivered by highly qualified staff.

## Supported Independent Living:

24-hour support enabling people on the autism spectrum to live independently - available in south-east Queensland.

## Vacation Care:

A program of fun and safe activities suitable for a range of interests and levels of ability that encourages participation. Available at Sunnybank Hills & Brighton for ages 5-16.

