



## **Communiqué**      **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting.

### **March 2017 Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting was part of a two day engagement visit to the Goldfields on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March 2017, where Board members visited Kalgoorlie, Kambalda and Coolgardie health facilities and met with regional stakeholders and staff. One of the Board members also visited Laverton, Leonora and Menzies health facilities on the 22 March 2017.

During the visit the Board heard presentations on the recent Meningococcal immunisation program in Kalgoorlie, Trachoma detection and management program in the Goldfields, suicide prevention strategy and the collaborative approach being adopted in the Goldfields and held discussions with senior clinicians on paediatric care and medical staff training initiatives. The Board met with members from the local District Health Advisory Council and engaged with a number of stakeholders from local health service organisations and government agencies. These engagement sessions were invaluable to hear about the local issues and developments that could have an impact on health services. The Board also toured the Kalgoorlie Hospital in particular the newly completed renal dialysis centre and had lunch with the entire hospital staff. The Board wishes to thank Geraldine Ennis, Regional Director Goldfields and staff for organising and hosting their visit to the Goldfields.

### **Attendance**

Dr Neale Fong (Chair)	Mr Joshua Nisbet
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)	Mr Alan Ferris
Mr Michael Hardy	Ms Mary Anne Stephens
Dr Kim Isaacs	Ms Meredith Waters
Dr Daniel Heredia via video conference	

### **Key Matters for Decision**

- The 2016/17 WACHS Service Agreement – Deed of Variation which confirmed the allocation of addition funding as approved by Government through the mid-year review was endorsed for signing under the common seal.

### **Key Matters for Discussion**

- The Chief Executive Officer's report provided an update on monthly performance and developments within WACHS;
- The Board received a presentation and discussed the development of a WA Country Cancer Strategy;
- An update was provided on the Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI 2).
- Discussion on medical credentialing and clinical scope of practice processes.
- The Board received a report and update on the progress WACHS is making towards meeting the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) EQuIP National Corporate Healthcare Standards in preparation for an ACHS survey later in the year.



- The Board was briefed on a program developed by The Cognitive Institute relating to “Speaking Up For Safety” which focuses on increasing the ease and motivation for clinicians and staff to speak up about safety.

### **Summary of Items for Noting**

- The Labor Party’s 2017 election commitments relating to health.
- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
  - Health Service Performance Report (February)
  - Finance and FTE Report (February)
  - Audit and Risk Report (February)
  - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (February)
  - Capital Infrastructure Report (February).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Friday 21 April 2017 in Perth.

Dr Neale Fong

***Chair, WA Country Health Service Board***

***30 March 2017***



*Dr Neale Fong Board Chair and Jeffrey Moffet  
WACHS CEO in front of other Board members and  
staff to plant a tree outside the new Kalgoorlie  
Health Campus, Renal Unit*



*WACHS Board members visit the  
Kalgoorlie super pit*