



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

October 2017 Board Meeting

The Board meeting was part of a regional engagement visit to the West Pilbara. The visit commenced on Thursday 26 October with discussions held with the WACHS Pilbara regional executive in Karratha before visiting the construction site of new \$207 million Karratha Health Campus (KHC). As part of the KHC site tour, the Board had the privilege of meeting Violet and Kathy Samson, two of the local Aboriginal artists who have created some magnificent art pieces that will be displayed in the new campus when it is opened later next year.



Travelling to Roebourne, the Board had the opportunity to meet with staff and a number of board members from Mawarnkarra Aboriginal Medical Service and see where the new facility to house four renal chairs for the community will be built. The visit to Roebourne was completed with a meeting with the highly dedicated staff at Roebourne District Hospital.



During the two-day visit, the Board met with a number of business and community representatives, government agency officials, patients and clinicians and welcomed the open discussions and ideas in relation to future health service needs in the region.

The Board wished to thank the WACHS Pilbara regional executive and local staff for hosting their visit and congratulate them for the tremendous work they do in delivering a high standard of health care in a diverse and remote country region.



The Board meeting was held in Karratha on Friday 27 October 2017.

Attendance

Prof Neale Fong (Chair)	Mr Alan Ferris
Mr Michael Hardy	Mrs Meredith Waters
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)	Dr Daniel Heredia
Ms Mary Anne Stephens (via VC)	

Apologies were received from Dr Kim Isaacs and Mr Joshua Nisbet

Key matters for decision

- The Board ratified its endorsement of the WACHS 2016–17 Annual Report.
- The Board considered and supported the WACHS submission to the Sustainable Health Review committee.
- Variations to the emergency and acute services programs under the Southern Inland Health Initiative to align with the current budget allocation were supported in principle.
- The development of a WA Country Aged Care Strategy and implementation plan to transition services relating to the Commonwealth's Home Support Program was supported in principle.
- The Board endorsed the provision of dedicated FTE and resources as part of strategy to enhance patient experience and embed community engagement across all areas of WACHS.

Key matters for discussion

- The Chief Executive's report provided an update on monthly performance and developments within WACHS and system-wide activities.
- The monthly safety and quality and clinical performance, and the workforce assurance and compliance reports were reviewed and discussed.
- Options and the business case for the Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment were discussed.
- Discussion was held on plans to review the Bunbury Health Campus combined facility agreement with St John of God Healthcare.
- The Board was briefed on the matters discussed at Finance, Audit and Risk and Safety and Quality committee meetings.

Summary of items for noting

- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
 - HSPR Report – September 2017
 - Finance and FTE Report – September 2017
 - Audit and Risk Reports – September 2017
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report – October 2017
 - Capital and Infrastructure Report – October 2017
- WA State Election Commitments – Update

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday 24 November 2017 in WACHS Central Office.

Professor Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
2 November 2017