



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

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

### **May 2017 Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting was part of a two day regional engagement visit to the Wheatbelt on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 May 2017. In its first visit to the region, the Board met in Northam and travelled to health services across the Wheatbelt including Wyalkatchem, Goomalling, York, Quairading and Cunderdin.

There are 26 health sites across the Wheatbelt in the planning or redevelopment construction phase under the Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI) and during the visits to sites the Board met with local health service staff and stakeholders and gained a better understanding of the improvements and reforms being made possible by this investment. In Cunderdin the Board met with the local shire President, CEO and a number of councillors to hear about the planning for the new primary health care facility and aged appropriate housing which will begin construction later this year.

In Northam the Board toured the new development works occurring at the Northam hospital site and heard presentations on the many changes occurring across the region, including safety and quality, the Northam emergency department, midwifery program and nursing workforce developments. Discussions on a wide range of topics were also held with key stakeholders including representatives from the local Shires and District Health Advisory Councils.

Board members also had the chance to attend the Moorditj Djinda Aboriginal Health Awards, which recognise the important role Aboriginal employees play in the delivery of health care. Many of the awards showcased the innovations and the good work being done in Aboriginal health services.

The Board wished to thank the Wheatbelt Regional Executive for hosting their visit and acknowledged the tremendous amount of work and commitment demonstrated by all staff in delivering on the redevelopment and reform projects that will make a big difference in health delivery across the region.

### **Attendance**

Dr Neale Fong (Chair)

Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)

Mr Michael Hardy

Dr Kim Isaacs

Mr Joshua Nisbet

Mr Alan Ferris

Ms Meredith Waters

Dr Daniel Heredia

Apology was received from Ms Mary Anne Stephens

### **Key Matters for Decision**

- WACHS Five Year Strategic Audit plan.
- WACHS Audit Plan 2017-18



### **Key Matters for Discussion**

- The Chief Executive Officer's report provided an update on monthly performance and developments within WACHS;
- The safety and quality and clinical performance and the workforce assurance and compliance reports were reviewed and discussed;
- The WACHS 2017/18 Service Agreement with the Department of Health;
- WACHS Royalties for Regions (RFR) funded projects and the government's review of the RFR program;
- Legal services coverage in health services;
- Development of project briefs for State election commitments relating to health service in country WA.

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

- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
  - Health Service Performance Report (April)
  - Finance and FTE Report (April)
  - Audit and Risk Report (April)
  - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (April)
  - Capital Infrastructure Report (April).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Friday 23 June 2017 in WACHS Central Office.

Dr Neale Fong

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

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WACHS Board members, Wheatbelt region staff and representatives from the Cunderdin Shire Council visiting the site of the planned Cunderdin Primary Health Care facility



*WACHS Board and Wheatbelt District Health Advisory Committee representatives following a stakeholder forum.*