



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

February 2017 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was part of a two day engagement visit to the Great Southern on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 February 2017, where Board members visited Albany, Denmark and Mt Barker health facilities and met with regional stakeholders and staff.

The Board heard presentations from regional personnel on the Healthy Albany initiative (co-presentation with the City of Albany), Integrated Aged Care in Action, Modern Maternity Services, the Changing Face of Cancer Care provision in the Great Southern and a range of innovative Aboriginal primary health care programs being delivered in the region.

Attendance

Dr Neale Fong (Chair)

Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)

Mr Michael Hardy

Dr Kim Isaacs

Dr Daniel Heredia via video conference

Mr Joshua Nisbet

Mr Alan Ferris

Ms Mary Anne Stephens

Ms Meredith Waters

Key Matters for Decision

- The outcomes of the mid-year review budget process and the service level agreement variation for WACHS and next steps in relation to the WACHS 2017/18 budget; and
- Governance for the Country Ambulance Strategy development;

Key Matters for Discussion

- Chief Executive Officer Report offering a high level overview of monthly performance within WACHS;
- The Board acknowledged the successful abstracts from WACHS personnel to present at the National Rural Health Conference;
- Development of WACHS Strategic Plan;
- Continued funding for the Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI 2) for a further two years.
- The Board also held discussions with the Chief Psychiatrist in relation to the new National Mental Health Standards and the eight Chief Psychiatrist standards.

Summary of Items for Noting

- Current 2017 election commitments relating to health.
- Your Safety in Our Hands in Hospital Report 2016.
- Cash Management briefing paper.
- Update on Bunbury Health Campus emergency performance against national targets.



- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
 - Health Service Performance Report (January)
 - Finance and FTE Report (January)
 - Audit and Risk Report (January)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (January)
 - Quarter 2 2016/17 Workforce Dashboard.
 - Quarter 2 2016/17 Safety and Quality report
 - Capital Infrastructure report January.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday and Friday 23-24 March 2017 in Kalgoorlie.

Dr Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

3 March 2017