



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's regional engagement meetings in the South West inland area.

November 2018 Board Meeting

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board held its November 2018 Board meeting in the South West (SW) inland area, including engagement meetings at the health services in Bridgetown, Northcliffe, Pemberton and the new Manjimup Health campus. In addition to engagement sessions with local health staff, there were two community stakeholder events held, one in Bridgetown and the other in Manjimup. These meetings were part of the Board's ongoing commitment to spending time meeting and working within our regional communities.

The Board heard about a number of important initiatives being held in the region to engage with people in the community and improvements in patient safety. The inland tele-stroke program is an example of accelerating access to specialist stroke care, which was minimising the impacts of stroke and improving the recovery rates of stroke patients in the SW.



Bridgetown community stakeholder participants and WACHS Board

The Board meeting was held on the 23 November at Manjimup hospital. The master planning and future redevelopment of the regional health campus at Bunbury was a focus for the region to meet growing service demand and to expand services closer to home for SW residents.



Impressive front entry to the new Manjimup Health Service

The Board was greatly appreciative of Kerry Winsor Regional Director, Jeremy Higgins Operations Manager SW Inland and the SW regional and hospital staff for organising the Board's meetings. It was clear from the meetings that there is a strong relationship between the SW health service and community and that the local health service providers were working in partnership to deliver local health services.

Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)
Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)
Mr. Michael Hardy

Ms. Mary Anne Stephens
Dr Diane Mohen
Ms. Meredith Waters

Apologies – Mr. Alan Ferris, Dr Kim Isaacs, Dr Daniel Heredia, Ms. Kelly Howlett

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet CE

Key Matters for Decision

- Response to the Minister for Health on emergency department and surgical waitlist (WEAT and WEST) performance and strategies. WACHS has performed strongly against these targets, however further action plans and strategies were supported to ensure continued and sustained performance.
- WA Country Ambulance Strategy (WACAS) – Development of a business case for key recommendations in the WACAS relating to community paramedics and satellite ambulance communication.

Key Matters for Discussion

- The Chief Executive's report provided an update on monthly performance, projections and key developments within WACHS over the past month;
- The Board received a briefing from Deloitte on the development of WA Health Digital Strategy.
- A brief was provided on the Aged Care Royal Commission terms of reference and the key issues for services in country WA.
- The Board reviewed the priorities and actions to form part of the WACHS strategic plan.
- Bunbury Health Campus master plan, future redevelopment options and business case was considered by the Board.
- The Board was briefed on the progress towards implementing priority recommendations following recent independent reviews of the Kalgoorlie mental health service.

Summary of Items for Noting

- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
 - Safety, Quality and Clinical Performance Monthly Dashboard Report
 - Workforce Assurance and Compliance Monthly Dashboard Report
 - Finance and Resources Monthly Board Dashboard
 - Health Service Performance Report (October 2018)
 - Audit and Risk Report (August 2018)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (August 2018)
 - Capital Infrastructure Report (July 2018).
- General Items for noting included:
 - Aeromedical Inter-Hospital Patient Transfer (IHPT) Service Review - Governance

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 14 December 2018.

Professor Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

30 November 2018