

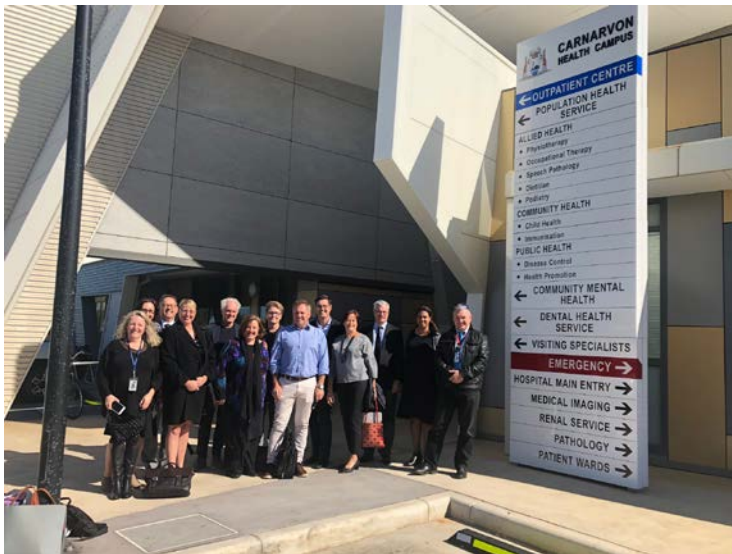


# Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

## August 2018 Board Meeting

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board held its August Board meeting in the Midwest at Carnarvon Health Campus as part of its ongoing commitment to spending time working within our regional communities.



While in Carnarvon, the Board spent time at Carnarvon Health Campus and met with the WACHS Midwest regional executive, the District Health Advisory Committee (DHAC), senior clinicians as well as a number of local stakeholders including representatives from the Carnarvon Shire, Gascoyne Development Commission and St John Ambulance. Providing services for the elderly, mental health, Aboriginal employment and training, Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment and improving access to services due to distance and isolation were among the topics discussed.

Participating in a traditional Aboriginal welcome and smoking ceremony at Carnarvon Health Campus and seeing a performance by the local women's traditional dance group was a highlight, providing a strong connection to the local culture and tradition.

The Midwest visit comes off the back of Geraldton Health Campus recently being named the country's most outstanding regional hospital by the Australian Patients Association.

The Board was greatly appreciative of Mr. Jeff Calver Regional Director, Tamara Sweeny Operations Manager and the Midwest health regional and hospital staff for organising the two day program and hosting the Board in Carnarvon.

### Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)

Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)

Mr Alan Ferris

Dr Kim Isaacs

Ms Mary Anne Stephens

Ms Kelly Howlett

Ms Meredith Waters

Dr Daniel Heredia (via VC)

Mr Michael Hardy

Dr Diane Mohen (via VC)

Apology – Nil

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet, CE

### Key Matters for Decision

- WACHS Two Year Action Plan against the WA Health Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing Framework.



- Digital Health Collaborative Research Centre – Participants Agreement.
- The Board's annual Attestation Statement for 2017/18

- **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 and discussed the communication plan and feedback tools developed for the WA Country Ambulance Strategy, for when it is released for public consultation.
- The Board was briefed on a proposal and funding application to implement a tele-psychiatry program for emergency access to professional mental health clinicians to assist with managing and coordinating care for acute mental health patients presenting at WA country health services.
- The draft content and format of the WACHS 2017/18 annual report was reviewed and discussed.
- The Board was briefed on the Corruption and Crime Commission's (CCC) report into bribery and corruption in maintenance and services contracts within North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) and discussed the steps being taken by WACHS against the report's recommendations and findings.
- The Board received a brief on proposed amendments to the WA Health fees and charges manual relating to residential aged care and requested further details prior to the changes being considered further.

### **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 (July 2018)
  - Audit and Risk Report (August 2018)
  - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (August 2018)
  - Capital Infrastructure Report (July 2018).
  - Safety and Quality Quarterly Report Quarter 4 2017/18
- General Items for noting included:
  - Pathwest Service Agreement 2018/19
  - Office of the Auditor General Interim Audit Letter for 2017/18
  - Health System Support - Executive Presentation
  - Telehealth awareness week 2018 highlights.
  - WA Health Excellence Awards 2018 – WACHS Submissions
  - Karratha Health Campus transition Plan

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 28 September 2018.

Professor Neale Fong

**Chair, WA Country Health Service Board**

**3 September 2018**