



Communiqué WA Country Health Service Board

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

27 – 28 June 2019 Board Meeting

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board travelled to the South West on the 27 June, stopping at Harvey and Collie Hospitals on route to Bunbury. In Harvey, the Board inspected the recently redeveloped emergency department and the refurbished administration and ward areas. At an engagement session with hospital staff, the Board Chair and Chief Executive issued 15 long service certificates ranging from 11 to 34 years of service to Harvey Hospital staff acknowledging their commitment and service at the hospital and to the community. Although unable to be present at the meeting the Board also acknowledged Doctors Yap and Ventner for their

longstanding commitment and support to the hospital. In Collie the Board met with local staff and stakeholders, with some members also visiting Valley



Stakeholder meeting at Collie Hospital



New Harvey Hospital ED

View Residence, the local residential aged care facility in Collie. The meetings provided an opportunity for the Board members to meet directly with staff and local stakeholders regarding their priorities and key issues for their local health services.

Board members attended a number of meetings at Bunbury, including meeting with the Bunbury Health Campus (BHC) executive team, visiting and meeting with the Dean of Edith Cowan University, Bunbury Campus, meeting with the management team of St John of God Bunbury Hospital, meeting with local senior medical staff and visiting the emergency department, intensive care unit, adult psychiatric unit, medical and paediatric wards and attending a stakeholder meeting with a range of local government, business and community representatives.

The Board understands the challenges and pressure experienced at BHC from the growing population and the higher level of complexity of patients requiring treatment. The redevelopment of BHC is one of the Board's highest priorities and planning and shaping of health services in Bunbury and the South West is important to deliver high quality, safe and contemporary services that will serve the community well in to the future.

The Board also acknowledged and congratulates the BHC team on their initiatives in partnering with consumers and the huge amount of work in regard to cultural security, and improving access for Aboriginal people.



Noel Bond at BHC
45 years of service

The BHC 'Aboriginal Art Trail' demonstrated a strong collaboration between the BHC and the local Aboriginal community, involving 10 Aboriginal artists. The art around the hospital was proving to be powerful in helping to break down barriers through building pride for Aboriginal people and providing a talking point between staff, visitors and patients.



Aboriginal Art Trail starting at the front entrance of Bunbury Hospital

Thank you to Kerry Winsor Regional Director South West Region and her dedicated team for hosting the Board in Harvey, Collie and Bunbury.

The Board meeting was held in Bunbury on Friday the 28 June 2019.

Attendance

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)
Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)
Mr. Alan Ferris
Dr Daniel Heredia
Ms. Kelly Howlett (via VC)

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

Apologies – Mr. Michael Hardy

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet, CE

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board reviewed and endorsed signing the Department of Health and WACHS 2019/20 Service Agreement.
- The Board reviewed and endorsed signing the Mental Health Commission and WACHS 2019/20 Service Agreement.
- The Board endorsed the WACHS 2019 – 2024 Strategic Plan.
- The Board reviewed and endorsed the WACHS 2019 – 2024 Aboriginal Health Strategy.
- The annual Internal Audit Attestation Statement was endorsed by the Board.

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 was updated on and discussed the Sustainable Health Review implementation planning.
- Discussion was held on Bunbury Health Campus pressures, workforce challenges and service and infrastructure planning for future campus redevelopment.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the draft WACHS prospectus document developed to promote WACHS capabilities and innovation initiatives.
- Discussion was held on options for the establishment of a country health foundation to attract investment in research and innovation in rural WA.
- The Board was provided with an update in the development of priorities and plans in response to the Coroner's report on 13 Youth Suicides in the Kimberley.
- The Board was briefed on the "Stop the Violence" summit convened by the Minister for Health to examine how to improve the safety for public health and hospital workers. A range of possible solutions identified through the summit will be examined 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 (May 2019).
 - Audit and Risk Report (May 2019).
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (May 2019).
 - Quarterly Public Confidence and Reputational Risk Report (Qtr. 3).
- General Items for noting included:
 - WA Health HSP Board Policy update version.
 - Bunbury Hospital Redevelopment Presentation.
 - WACHS Command Centre Update
 - Ministerial Events – Official Openings and events at WACHS Sites.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 26 July 2019.

Professor Neale Fong

Chair, WA Country Health Service Board

8 July 2019