



BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the recent WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Board meeting.

24 and 25 June 2021

The Board travelled to the Goldfields region for their third regional engagement visit for 2021. Board Members split up across the sites of Laverton, Lenora, Norseman and Kalgoorlie and undertook engagement sessions with local staff and key stakeholders across the two (2) days to listen to and discuss relevant issues, challenges and good news stories happening across these local communities.

Additionally, the Board undertook tours of these sites and received presentations about key initiatives, challenges and achievements across the region, including the review of Goldfields mental health services, an overview of the Kalgoorlie Renal Hostel, and the trachoma housing project initiative.

The Board saw continued examples of our staff's resilience in delivering high quality patient-centred care to our country patients whilst experiencing significant demand pressures and workforce shortages, and would like to thank the WACHS Goldfields staff for their enduring commitment to supporting our country communities.



Board Members Paul Fitzpatrick, Meredith Waters, Mary Anne Stephens and Kelly Howlett, Jeff Moffet (Chief Executive) and Margaret Smilie (Operations Manager)



The Board would also like to thank Peter Tredinnick, along with the dedicated regional team, for organising and hosting the Board meeting and engagements over the two day visit.

The Board would like to extend their congratulations to Peter and the Goldfields team for achieving accreditation against the Australian Council on Health Care Standards National Corporate Accreditation Program 2nd edition.

Dr Neale Fong (Board Chair), Mr Peter Tredinnick (Regional Director) and Mr Jeff Moffet (Chief Executive)

The Board meeting was held in Kalgoorlie on Friday, 25 June 2021.

Members Attending

Dr. Neale Fong (Board Chair)
Ms. Wendy Newman (Deputy Board Chair)
Mr. Alan Ferris
Mr. Paul Fitzpatrick
Dr. Daniel Heredia

Ms. Kelly Howlett
Dr. Kim Isaacs
Dr. Diane Mohen (via MS Teams)
Ms. Mary Anne Stephens
Ms. Meredith Waters

In Attendance

Mr. Jeffrey Moffet (Chief Executive)
Mr. Sean Conlan (A/Chief Operating Officer) (via MS Teams)

Apologies

Nil

Observer

Mr. Peter Tredinnick (Regional Director)

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board were provided with a high level brief on the commencement of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act WA* (2019) and WACHS' obligations for implementing the Act. The Board endorsed the WACHS Voluntary Assisted Dying Position Statement.

Key Matters for Discussion

- The Chief Executive's report provided an update on performance, projections and key developments within WACHS over the past month.
- The Board were briefed on the work underway to implement strategies to address the recommendations arising from the Broome Hospital COVID-19 Hazard Investigation Report.
- The Board discussed the continued focus on reshaping the Board's regional engagement process to ensure staff are heard and kept informed of key outcomes, and to better facilitate local engagement with key stakeholders.

Summary of Standing Items for Discussion and Noting

- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
 - Health Service Performance Report, April 2021
 - Safety, Quality and Clinical Performance Dashboard Report.
 - Workforce, Assurance and Compliance Dashboard Report.
 - Finance and Resources Dashboard Report.
 - Detailed Risk Review Report.
 - Progress Summary against the Audit Plan Report.
- Items for noting included:
 - WACHS Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Plan 2021-24.
 - WACHS Multicultural Plan 2021-24.
 - An update on the Federal Response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.
 - An update on the rollout of the WACHS COVID-19 vaccination program.
 - WACHS Election Commitments.
 - HSS Strategic Plan update.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held in Perth on 23 July 2021.

Dr Neale Fong
BOARD CHAIR

8 July 2021



WACHS Board Chair Dr Neale Fong, Board Members, Chief Executive Jeff Moffet, Goldfields Regional Director Peter Tredinnick and Goldfields Regional Executive staff at Kalgoorlie Regional Office