



BOARD *communiqué*

28-29 AUGUST 2025

This communiqué highlights regional engagement activities undertaken by the Board during their visit to the Pilbara and key points of discussion from the Board meeting.

PILBARA REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

In August 2025 the Board visited Paraburdoo, Tom Price, Roebourne and Karratha. The Board noted strong engagement and partnerships between WACHS, local communities and key partners across the region.

The Board met with staff, toured the Paraburdoo hospital (constructed in 1972) and viewed the area planned for the new hospital build, before heading to the site location for the new Tom Price Hospital. The Board then visited the Tom Price hospital (constructed in 1967) and met with local staff and community stakeholders, including St John Ambulance staff and the Chief Executive Officer of the Nintirri Centre. The Board noted delivery of Paraburdoo and Tom Price hospital developments are now included in the regional health projects managed by the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure.

The Board then travelled to Roebourne Hospital to tour the six-bed facility and meet with local staff. Prior to the Board meeting the following day, members met with staff and community stakeholders at the Karratha Health Campus.





BOARD MEETING

The Board held its meeting at the Karratha Health Campus on 29 August 2025.

Members Present or Online (*)

Dr Neale Fong, Chair
Ms Wendy Newman, Deputy Chair
Dr Lorraine Anderson
Dr Peter Campbell
Mrs Jodi Johnston
Dr Catherine Stoddart
Mr Paul Fitzpatrick

Apologies

Mr Colin Holt
Mr Jarrad Gardner

Ex-Officio Attendees

Mr Jeffrey Moffet, Chief Executive
Ms Brooke van Blommestein (A),
Director Office of the Chief Executive
Mr James Thomas (A), Chief Operating
Officer Remote

Observer

Ms Lisa Barnes, Executive Director
Pilbara

Secretariat

Ms Vicki Edwards (A), Manager Board
and Policy Governance

Regional Engagement

The Board visited Paraburdoo, Tom
Price, Roebourne and Karratha in the
Pilbara region from 28-29 August 2025.

The Board acknowledged the
Ngarluma people as the traditional
owners in and around the town of
Karratha.

Key Matters for Decision

- Security of Critical Infrastructure Attestation
Statement – Intensive Care Unit Bunbury Hospital

Key Matters for Discussion

- The Board Chair provided an update on the Board
structure, with ministerial appointments from
1 October 2025 noted as:
 - Paul Fitzpatrick appointed as Board Chair.
 - Dr Shane Kelly, Dr Divya-Jyoti Sharma and Ms
Caroline Robinson appointed as new members.
- The planned launch of the WACHS Strategic Plan
2025-30 was discussed. The Board noted the
Minister for Health was confirmed to attend.
- The Chief Executive provided an update on
executive appointments, workforce development
initiatives, service delivery matters, and the
progress of key projects.
- The Karratha Health Campus Midwifery Group
Practice presented their service model to the Board.

Board Committees

- The Audit and Risk Committee met on 19 August
2025. The Committee quarterly report was tabled
and discussed.
- The Finance Committee met on 28 July 2025. The
Board was provided an overview on financial
performance.
- The Safety and Quality Committee did not meet
since the last update; however, the Board noted an
out-of-session meeting was called to inform the
organisation's response to the Australian
Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care on
their draft model of clinical governance.

Next Meeting

- An extraordinary Board Meeting will be held on
30 September 2025 prior to the launch of the
WACHS Strategic Plan 2025-30.

