



BOARD *communiqué*

27-27 MARCH 2025

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

GOLDFIELDS REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Board travelled through the Goldfields region, visiting health sites at Esperance, Norseman and Kalgoorlie.

Board members engaged with staff and stakeholders at Esperance Hospital before heading to Kalgoorlie via Norseman Hospital, gaining valuable insight into the operation and community impact of these regional health services. The Board later reflected on the vital role health services play in small towns, often serving as the largest employer and a central pillar of the local community.

In Kalgoorlie, the Board joined with the PathWest Board to tour the hospital and acknowledge the value of partnerships in healthcare delivery, and the importance of collaboration – particularly during challenging times, such as the extreme weather event and power outage experienced in early 2025 in Kalgoorlie.

The Board Chair and Chief Executive revisited the Bella Dorina tree planted during a Board visit to the Goldfields on 24 March 2017 – still thriving eight years later.





BOARD MEETING

The Board held its meeting at Kalgoorlie Regional Office on 28 March 2025.

Members Present or Online (*)

Ms Wendy Newman, Deputy Chair
Mr Paul Fitzpatrick
Dr Lorraine Anderson *
Dr Peter Campbell
Mr Colin Holt
Mrs Jodi Johnston
Dr Catherine Stoddart
Mr Jarrad Gardner

Apologies

Dr Neale Fong, Chair

Ex-Officio Attendees

Mr Jeffrey Moffet, Chief Executive
Mr Robert Pulsford, Chief Operating Officer Remote

Observer

Ms Alicia Michalanney (A), Executive Director Goldfields
Ms Melina Ielati, Manager Office of the Chief Executive

Secretariat

Ms Vicki Edwards (A), Director Office of the Chief Executive

Regional Engagement

The Board visited Esperance, Norseman and Kalgoorlie in the Goldfields region from 27-28 March 2025.

The Board acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land that the meeting was held and learned that Kalgoorlie is named after the Karlkurla, the silky pear, which grows prolifically in the area. For thousands of years Aboriginal people from family groups right across the bottom east of Western Australia visit and stay.

Key Matters for Decision

- Board Finance Committee Terms of Reference.

Key Matters for Discussion

- The Chief Executive provided an update on workforce development and recruitment initiatives, service delivery matters, and progress of key projects.
- The Board discussed the new WA Labor Government Cabinet, appointment of the Minister for Health and new health portfolios of preventative health, health infrastructure and aged care and seniors.
- The Board was updated on work being undertaken to strengthen local health services and consumer engagement.

Board Committees

- The Audit and Risk Committee did not meet since its last update. The next meeting is on 15 April 2025.
- The Finance Committee met on 24 February 2025. The Committee Chair provided a summary of key issues and the Board noted unknown timing of the upcoming State budget release and budget estimates process.
- The Safety and Quality Committee met on 27 February 2025. The Committee Chair provided an update on work being undertaken in preparedness for short notice accreditation assessment and the implementation of a virtual medical emergency response visual and audio cue in the Emergency Telehealth Service central coordination station at the Command Centre.

Next Meeting

- 23 May 2025 at Grace Vaughan House, Shenton Park

