BOARD *communiqué*

27-28 NOVEMBER 2025

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

In November 2025 the Board travelled to the Midwest region, where they split into two groups to visit local staff and stakeholders across the region. Collectively, the Board visited Northampton, Mullewa, Morawa, Three Springs, Mingenew and Dongara before returning to Geraldton.

Throughout the regional visit, the Board saw firsthand the value of Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) models in providing improved access to health and aged care services – demonstrated well in Morawa, Northampton and Three Springs, areas which are unable to support both a hospital and a separate aged care home, but instead have an innovative, flexible and integrated service delivery.

Stakeholders joined the Board at various sites and welcomed discussion on local experiences from representatives from District Health Advisory Councils, St John Ambulance staff and volunteers, police, education, community and other organisations. The Board's commitment to their connection to country communities remains an important component of the regional engagement program.

In Geraldton, St John of God Hospital Executive staff welcomed the Board with a presentation that highlighted the value of partnerships in health care, followed by a tour of the hospital. The Board met with Geraldton hospital staff and local stakeholders following their Board meeting and then met with Multiplex contractors for a tour of the Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment.

BOARD MEETING

The Board held its meeting at Geraldton Health Campus on 28 November 2025.

Members Present or Online (*)
Mr Paul Fitzpatrick, Chair
Dr Shane Kelly, Deputy Chair
Dr Lorraine Anderson *
Dr Peter Campbell *
Hon Colin Holt
Mr Jarrad Gardner
Mrs Jodi Johnston
Dr Catherine Stoddart
Mr Paul Fitzpatrick

Apologies
Nil

Ex-Officio Attendees
Mr Jeffrey Moffet, Chief Executive
Ms Brooke van Blommestein (A), Director Office of the Chief Executive
Mr Robert Pulsford, Chief Operating Officer Remote

Observer
Mr Chris How, Executive Director Midwest
Mr Cameron Ross, Operations Manager Geraldton
Ms Jody Rolston, Operations Manager Murchison

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

Regional Engagement
The Board visited Northampton, Mullewa, Morawa, Three Springs, Mingenew, Dongara and Geraldton in the Midwest region from 27-28 November 2025.

The Board acknowledged the Southern Yamatji people as the traditional owners in and around the City of Geraldton.

Key Matters for Decision

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Key Matters for Discussion

- The Chief Executive provided an update on executive appointments, workforce development initiatives, service delivery matters, and the progress of key projects.

- A presentation on the WACHS Older Adult (Aged Care) Program and the impact of new reforms on the organisation was provided to the Board.

- Members participated in a workshop on infection prevention in healthcare, a NDIS mandatory training requirement for our Board members.

- A presentation on the status of the Geraldton Health Campus redevelopment project was provided ahead of the Board tour of the redevelopment.

Board Committees

- The Audit and Risk Committee met on 18 November 2025. The Committee quarterly report was tabled and the Board discussed the Virtual Security Centre expansion, with a visit to be planned in early 2026.

- The Finance Committee met on 24 November 2025. The Board was provided an overview on financial performance.

- The Safety and Quality Committee deferred its November meeting to December. An update will be provided following the next meeting.

- The People and Engagement Committee Chair confirmed a preliminary meeting will be held in mid-December to finalise the Terms of Reference.

Next Meeting

- A Board Meeting will be held on 12 December 2025 at Grace Vaughan House, Shenton Park ahead of a joint engagement session with the Executive.