



# NMHS Board Update

November 2022

*This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 25 November 2022 at T Block, QEII Medical Centre in the Noongar Season of Kambarang.*

## Board Members present

Chair Professor David Forbes AM  
Deputy Chair Ms Rebecca Strom  
Mrs Jahna Cedar OAM  
Ms Angela Edwards  
Mr Tony Evans  
Dr Hilary Fine  
Ms Karen Gullick  
Professor Paul Norman  
Mr Steve Toutountzis

## A cause for celebration

- Mental Health Service was awarded accreditation
- 12 projects aligned to two themes: 'Patient Flow' and 'Wellbeing culture' were approved for implementation as part of the Innovative Future Program Chief Executive's Round.

## Our Community and Our People: embedding our values

Reflections on consumer and staff feedback are a monthly focus in addition to reflecting on a NMHS value – this month our reflections were on the value of RESPECT. We discussed complaints and compliments related to care provided by BreastScreen WA.

## Presentation to the Board

The Board welcomed colleagues from BreastScreen WA who provided an overview of services delivered to the Western Australian Community and the role the Program plays in cancer detection and assessment. In addition, the team provided an update on progress in the lead up to accreditation in March 2023.

The NMHS Information and Communication Technology ICT Project Director and colleagues were also invited to provide an update on activities being undertaken in partnership with HSS to comply with the mandatory Cyber Security Policy and ensure our vital ICT systems remain secure. They also touched on the staff online Essential Cyber training module, which has been rolled out across the WA health system.

The Board received an update from the Women and Newborn Service Relocation Project and the work undertaken to ensure the new facility will be contemporary and future-proofed.

## Board Chair and Chief Executive update

Our updates and discussions focussed on review of current issues:

- NMHS HEART Program, current areas of focus include
  - WEAT and WEST performance
  - patient flow and timely discharge.
- Consideration of findings and recommendations arising from the Independent review of WA health system governance.

## Board Committee updates

The minutes and a precis from each of our Committees were provided by the respective Chairs.

- Audit and Risk Committee  
*No meeting in November.*
- Finance Committee





*Kambarang brings longer and warmer days and decreasing rain. It is wildflower season with an abundance of colours and flowers in bloom.*

### Next Board meeting

Friday, 3 February 2023  
T block, QEII Medical Centre

The Board discussed performance and activity trends, including strategies to ensure financial sustainability long-term.

- People, Engagement and Culture

*No meeting in November.*

- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee

The Board considered the monthly safety and quality performance and trends, with focus on hospital acquired complications. A revised Consumer Advisory Council partnership was also discussed.

### Board endorsement

We reviewed and endorsed –

- Legislative requirements to support financial accounting and management.



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