



NMHS Board Update

October 2022

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 28 October 2022 at Osborne Park Hospital, Stirling in the Noongar Season of Kambarang.

Board Members present

Chair Professor David Forbes AM
Deputy Chair Ms Rebecca Strom
Ms Angela Edwards
Mr Tony Evans
Dr Hilary Fine
Ms Karen Gullick
Professor Paul Norman
Ms Paula Rogers
Mr Steve Toutountzis

A cause for celebration

- The Aboriginal Health Champions program was launched.
- Osborne Park Hospital celebrated its 60th Anniversary.
- Ms Paula Wells, KEMH midwife was awarded the Australian College of Midwives 2022 Midwife of the Year.



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

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 CARE. We discussed complaints and compliments related to care post-discharge from hospital and rehabilitation for stroke patients.

Presentation to the Board

The Board welcomed the Board Chair and Chief Executive, HSS who provided an overview on the digital programs being implemented across the WA health system, cyber security and plans for local ICT investment and uplift.

The Acting Executive Director WNHS was also invited to present her experiences and insights about the service following her recent appointment.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update

Our updates and discussions focussed on review of current issues:

- NMHS HEART Program
 - current areas of focus include patient flow and timely discharge.
 - many staff have formally expressed an interest in participating and providing expertise to the Program.
- Emerging risks related to cyber security.

Board Committee updates

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

- Audit & Risk Committee
- Finance Committee
- People, Engagement and Culture
- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee

These reports highlight the work of the Committees, the level of demand for inpatient and outpatient services, ongoing staffing and budget pressures, which NMHS is managing while working to maintain safe, high quality clinical care.

- Sustainable financial performance
- Re-invigoration of the Ambassador Program to support organisational culture and wellbeing

Next Board meeting

25 November 2022 at
BreastScreen WA, Perth.

- Compliance with the *Work Health and Safety Act*.

Board endorsement and strategic discussion

We reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS Operational Plan quarter 4 2021/22 report
- NMHS Statement of Intent quarter 4 2021/22 report



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