



NMHS Board Update

August 2022

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 26 August in the Noongar Season of Djilba at the QEII Medical Centre

Board Members present

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

A cause for celebration

- Superseded equipment from Graylands hospital was donated via the Ukrainian Association of WA to health services in Ukraine.
- The in-home vaccination program run by Public Health was recognised by the Minister for Health.
- Prof Yee Leung from WNHS received lots of positive publicity for collaborating with Perth Zoo veterinarians to perform gynaecological surgery on orangutan.

Welcome:

We welcomed a new member, Ms Karen Gullick. Karen has a nursing background, and extensive experience in nursing leadership in public and private sectors, and in safety and quality. More information about Karen, and the Board as a whole can be found on the [hub](#) page

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 noted some significant NMHS good stories. (see side panel p. 1).

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

Updates and discussion focused on the transition to Blue SAR COVID-19 readiness, WA health reducing ramping, and the role of the NMHS HEART Program in this effort.

Board Committee Updates:

The minutes of each Committee were provided with a precis provided by the Committee Chairs:

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

These reports highlight the work of the Committees and the level of demand, ongoing staffing and budget pressures NMHS is managing while working to maintain safe, high quality clinical care. The preliminary report of the ACHS Accreditation Survey for Mental Health was discussed.

Board endorsements and strategic discussion:

We reviewed and endorsed –

- NMHS Safety and Quality Remediation Plan
- The Write-Off of Assets Report from the Finance Committee.





Djilba is a transitional time of the year, cold and clear days mixed with warmer, rainy and windy days and the occasional sunny day. It is the start of the floral explosion that happens in the Noongar lands.

Board endorsements and strategic discussion:

Together with members of the NMHS Executive Team, we met with Mr Tim Marney, Chair of the Sustainable Health Review (SHR) Oversight Committee to discuss progress and opportunities in relation to the SHR.



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