



# NMHS Board Communiqué

May 2026

*This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations of the NMHS Board meeting held on Friday, 1 May 2026 at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco, in the Noongar Season of Djeran.*



*Djeran sees a break in the really hot weather, being marked by cooler nights, dewy mornings and the falling of leaves.*

## Board members present

Adj Assoc Prof Karen Gullick, Board Chair  
Anthony Evans, Deputy Board Chair  
Jahna Cedar OAM  
Assoc Prof Mathew Coleman  
Renaë Farmer  
Assoc Prof Lewis MacKinnon  
Dr Ian Rogers  
Rebecca Strom

## Apologies

Angela Komninos

## Approvals and endorsements

- Financial accounting and reporting requirements
- Statement of Intent 2025/26 quarter 3 report
- Directors and Officers annual liability insurance renewal 2026/27

## Visits and engagement

- Breastfeeding Centre
- Harvey House, which is home to the WA Medical Museum
- King Edward Memorial Hospital Rose Garden

## Our Community and Our People: embedding our values

Reflections on consumer feedback and insights, as they relate to the NMHS values and patient-centred care, are a regular focus for the Board offering valuable insights to help us understand the needs of our community and provide learning opportunities to make our services better and safer, and provide excellent compassionate care.

This month the Board heard stories from consumers who shared their experiences of King Edward Memorial Hospital. The Board reflected on the complex challenge of providing care to Medicare ineligible / uninsured patients, opacity of public hospital expenses and maintaining the financial health of the organisation. In addition, it recognised the gratitude of a new mother for the physical and emotional care received from the multi-disciplinary teams.

## Presentations to the Board

The Board was briefed on the *Privacy and Responsible Sharing (PRIS) Act 2024*, the provisions of which will come into operation 1 July 2026 and be followed by the requirement to report serious data breaches to the Information Commissioner and people affected from 1 January 2027. The Board heard about the processes by which personal information sharing can be requested, assessed and executed as well as penalties relating to certain non-compliance and unauthorised disclosures.

The Board also welcomed the inaugural Independent Chair of the Queen Elizabeth Precinct Leadership Group who has been appointed to advance Western Australia's Health and Biomedical Precinct. The Board heard how the Precinct will bring together universities, health service providers and industry to improve research, translation and innovation across WA.

## Board Chair and Chief Executive update

Our updates and considerations focussed on review of current issues and reports.

## Board Chair

Discussions and reflections included:


- Minister's Taskforce on ambulance ramping update
- Engagement activities and opportunities
- Matters of legal and regulatory compliance
- March Health Service Performance Report





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### Next Board meeting

Friday, 5 June 2026  
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital  
QEI Medical Centre, Nedlands

### Chief Executive

This month's report included updates on:

- WA Health's response to fuel supply disruption and supply chain vulnerabilities
- Progress towards achieving our Strategic objectives
- 2026 Winter Planning, and capacity and demand optimisation
- Progress of major capital infrastructure projects, maintenance and minor works
- Status of digital transformation projects
- Operational performance
- Highlights, risks, and areas of focus from each of the operational areas

### Board Committee updates

The minutes and a summary from each of our Board Committee meetings were provided by the respective Chairs.

#### Audit and Risk Committee

No meeting in April.

#### Finance Committee

No meeting in April.

#### People, Engagement and Culture Committee

The month's focus was Work Health and Safety.

The Committee was briefed on new Public Sector Commissioner's Instructions, which will introduce a modernized, more rigorous recruitment standard prioritizing integrity, efficiency, and permanent appointments from 1 July 2026.

In addition, the Committee received an update on cultural transformation and steps to reshape the organisation's shared values, beliefs and behaviours to align with the strategic objectives.

The progress of initiatives to transform the organisation and make 'NMHS the best place to work' were outlined. Performance and compliance reports for work health and safety, staff wellbeing, as well as operational matters were also reviewed.

#### Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee

The Committee considered findings from a recent review of local credentialing processes for healthcare professionals across varying disciplines, and mechanisms that provide additional assurance to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and delivery of high-quality care.

In addition, the Committee reviewed the organisation's healthcare performance in several recently published internal and external reports, and discussed accreditation of clinical services against the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care Standards

The monthly consumer experience, safety and quality performance and trends were reviewed, with focus on activities/initiatives related to continuous improvement, quality assurance and embedding a safety culture.