



# NMHS Board Communiqué

**October 2025**

*This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations of the NMHS Board meeting held on Friday, 3 October 2025 at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Nedlands, in the Noongar Season of Kambarang.*



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

## **Board members present**

Adj Assoc Prof Karen Gullick, Board Chair  
Anthony Evans, Deputy Board Chair  
Renae Farmer  
Angela Komninos  
Assoc Prof Lewis MacKinnon  
Dr Ian Rogers  
Rebecca Strom

## **Apologies**

Jahna Cedar OAM  
Assoc Prof Mathew Coleman

## **Approvals and endorsements**

- NMHS Annual Report 2025
- Financial accounting and reporting requirements
- Board Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee Consumer Representative expression of interest

## **Our Community and Our People: embedding our values**

Reflections on consumer feedback and insights, as they relate to the NMHS values, are a regular focus for the Board. This month the Board heard stories from Cancer, Imaging and Clinical Services Division of Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital about healthcare experiences and the response to address concerns to make our services better and safer, as well as a testimonial on the excellent and empathic care provided by our staff.

## **Presentations to the Board**

The Board welcomed the Minister for Health; Mental Health to discuss priorities and challenges for the WA health system to ensure Western Australians continue to have access to safe and high-quality health care. Topics included impact of the ageing population and growing demand for services, as well as contemporary models of care and use of technology to improve access to, and delivery of, healthcare.

The Board also received an update from the NMHS General Counsel on the varied contributions and key responsibilities of the in-house legal team across corporate and clinical portfolios.

## **Board Chair and Chief Executive update**

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

### **Board Chair**

Discussions and reflections included:

- Outcomes from recent key stakeholder meetings
- Professional development opportunities
- Acknowledgement of Ms Strom, who recently completed her term as Deputy Board Chair
- Strategic Plan mid-point review

### **Chief Executive**

This month's report included updates on:

- Providing accessible, safe, high-quality care, delivered in a sustainable and personalised way
- 2026 Winter Planning, and capacity and demand optimisation
- Progress of digital transformation projects
- Forthcoming events and commitments
- Highlights, risks, and areas of focus from each of the operational areas



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### Next Board meeting

Friday, 7 November 2025  
King Edward Memorial hospital, Subiaco

### 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

Previous meeting held 2 September 2025.

#### Finance Committee

The Committee received a briefing from the Office of the Auditor General as part of its annual external Financial Audit results. In addition, the Committee received a regular update from the Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group about performance and activity.

Reports and discussions focussing on performance, activity, budget and staffing trends, including strategies to ensure financial sustainability, were also considered.

#### People, Engagement and Culture Committee

No meeting held in September.

#### Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee

The Committee received an engaging presentation by the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Intensive Care Unit team, who showcased their research and quality improvement initiatives that are improving outcomes for our patients, supporting our current and future workforce, and benefiting the planet. In addition, the Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group provided a safety and quality update.

The Committee also considered proposed changes by the Therapeutic Goods Administration to improve patient safety and safety of medical device use in Australia, and implications for the organisation.

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