



## **Communiqué**      **WA Country Health Service Board**

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's visit and meeting in Esperance.

### **February 2018 Board Meeting**

The Board meeting was part of a two day regional engagement visit to Esperance. The visit commenced on Thursday the 22 February with a tour of the recently redeveloped and renovated \$31.3 million Esperance Health Campus. Board members were impressed with the improvements in patient flow and facilities which have been achieved for the Esperance community.

The Board met with hospital staff and had an engaging discussion with District Health Advisory Council members on improving a number of priorities including patient experience.

The Board visited the Esperance mental health clinic and community health centre, was briefed on the significance of partnerships in delivering mental health services and was provided with details on the needle & syringe programs in the Goldfields. A meeting with local business, health and community stakeholders concluded the day.

On Friday 23 February, the Board met with local GPs and senior clinicians for an interactive discussion on health trends and looking at future technology improvements in health delivery. This was followed by the Board meeting which is outlined below.

The Board thanked fellow member Meredith Waters for her involvement in hosting the visit in her hometown and congratulated Regional Director Geraldine Ennis and local Esperance staff for organising a successful visit and for the tremendous work they have achieved in transforming health infrastructure and services in Esperance. There is clear evidence that focus has been placed on patient experience and community needs in the changes introduced.



### **Attendance**

Prof. Neale Fong (Chair)  
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Alan Ferris  
Dr Kim Isaacs  
Ms Mary Anne Stephens

Mr Joshua Nisbet  
Ms Meredith Waters  
Dr Daniel Heredia  
Mr Michael Hardy

Apology – Nil

In Attendance – Jeff Moffet, CE



### **Key Matters for Decision**

- Clinical Governance Framework, supported subject to further refinement.
- WACHS Maternal and Newborn Care Strategy, supported the release of the draft strategy for wider consultation.
- WA Country Ambulance Strategy – Final Ernst Young report, supported for submission to the Director General and Minister for Health.

### • **Key Matters for Discussion**

- The Chief Executive's report provided an update on monthly performance, projections and key developments within WACHS over the past month.
- The Board discussed the progress on implementing the WA Country Cancer strategy.
- The Board considered discussion papers on research and innovation development to benefit WA country areas and the economic benefits of investment in country health services.
- Discussion was held on PSOLIS – Mental health patient information – clinical access.
- A discussion paper on automation and artificial intelligence (AI) improvement opportunities was also discussed.

### **Summary of Items for Noting**

- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
  - Safety, Quality and Clinical Performance Monthly Dashboard Report
  - Workforce Assurance and Compliance Monthly Dashboard Report
  - Health Service Performance Report (January 2018)
  - Finance and FTE Report (January 2018)
  - Audit and Risk Report (February 2018)
  - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (February 2018)
  - Capital Infrastructure Report (January 2018).
  - Quarterly WACHS Workforce Dashboard Quarter 2 2017/18
  - Safety and Quality Quarterly Report Quarter 2 2017/18
- General items for noting included:
  - Mental Health Commission – Deed of Variation – 2017-18 Service Agreement.
  - Northern Territory Health and WACHS Collaboration – Action Statement 2 February 2018.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Perth on 23 March 2018.

Professor Neale Fong

***Chair, WA Country Health Service Board***

***2 March 2018***