



Communiqué **WA Country Health Service Board**

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

April 2017 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on Friday 21 April 2017, at the WA Country Health Service central office 189 Wellington St Perth.

The Board received reports from the Audit and Risk Working Group which met on the 10 April 2017 and the Safety and Quality Working Group which met on the 11 April 2017. An update on the WACHS financial position was also provided by the Chair of the Finance Working Group.

Attendance

Dr Neale Fong (Chair)	Mr Joshua Nisbet
Ms Wendy Newman (Deputy Chair)	Mr Alan Ferris
Mr Michael Hardy	Ms Mary Anne Stephens
Dr Kim Isaacs - via video conference	Ms Meredith Waters

Apology was received from Dr Daniel Heredia

Key Matters for Decision

- Release of the Southern Inland Health Initiative evaluation report.
- Endorsed the business case for the redevelopment of the Jerramungup and Bremer Bay health centres and staff housing at Bremer Bay, provisional on funding being made available through the Great Southern Development Commission.
- Supported a strategy to seek agreement to reallocate funds from within the Karratha Health Campus project to increase the artwork allocation for the project to a level consistent with other recent capital country projects and to enable the provision of external art.

Key Matters for Discussion

- The Chief Executive Officer's report provided an update on monthly performance and developments within WACHS;
- The Board discussed the preparations and timeframes for the 2017/18 State budget and the submissions being developed by WACHS;
- A progress report was received on the development of a country ambulance strategy;
- The Board received a presentation and discussed the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in country WA;
- An update was provided on the Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI 2) funding;
- A status report was provided on the successful introduction of the country and metro linkages initiative for emergency patient transfers; and
- The Board reviewed a draft Board Assurance framework.



Summary of Items for Noting

- WACHS Organisational Standing Reports including:
 - Health Service Performance Report (March)
 - Finance and FTE Report (March)
 - Audit and Risk Report (March)
 - Key Projects and Initiatives Report (March)
 - Capital Infrastructure Report (March).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Friday 26 May 2017 in Northam and will be part of a two day regional engagement visit to the Wheatbelt.

Dr Neale Fong
Chair, WA Country Health Service Board
28 April 2017