



Board *communiqué*

31 July 2026

This communiqué highlights the key points of discussion from the Board meeting held at Busselton Health Campus.

BOARD MEETING

Members Present

Mr Paul Fitzpatrick, Chair
Dr Shane Kelly, Deputy Chair
Dr Lorraine Anderson
Dr Peter Campbell
Mr Jarrad Gardner
Mr Colin Holt
Mrs Jodi Johnston
Mrs Caroline Robinson
Dr Divya-Jyoti Sharma
Dr Catherine Stoddart

Apologies

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Ex-Officio Attendees

Mr Jeffrey Moffet, Chief Executive
Mr John Quinn, Chief Operating Officer – Rural
Ms Brooke van Blommestein, (A)
Director Office of the Chief Executive

Secretariat

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The Board acknowledged the Wadandi people as the traditional owners of the land in Busselton, along with the many traditional lands and language groups across WA on which WA Country Health Service (WACHS) operates.

Key Matters for Decision

- The Board Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference.
- The WACHS Internal Audit Charter and Policy.
- Interim Chief Audit Executive arrangements.
- Responsible Entity Risk Management Program – Annual Report.
- Report against the Minister for Health's Statement of Expectations for Q4, 2025-26.

Key Matters for Discussion

- The Chief Executive provided an update on workforce development initiatives, service delivery matters and the progress of key projects.
- The Board discussed the 2026-27 Mid-Year Review and 2027-28 Budget processes, the State Government's Commitment to Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing, WACHS Medical Imaging Strategy, changes to Medicare assignments of benefits, and country ambulance services.
- The Board received updates on programs and reform activities underway across WACHS, including the Strengthening Local Health Services reform.
- The Board received an update on the Bunbury Health Campus Redevelopment project and Geraldton Health Campus Redevelopment Commissioning activities.
- The Board received an update on the WACHS Winter Operational Plan 2026.

Board Committees

- The Board received updates from the Audit and Risk and Safety and Quality Committees, including discussion on standing reports, and:

- Recent audit opinions arising from OAG performance audits, medical treatment liability claims and emergency management preparedness.
- Expansion of the Cultural Information Gathering Tool, the WA Health Safety and Clinical Quality Strategy, and key focus areas for upcoming deep dive sessions.
- The Finance Committee and People and Engagement Committees did not meet in July 2026.

Next Meeting

27 August 2026 in Kalgoorlie, Goldfields