



NMHS Board

Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the NMHS Board meeting held on 27 August 2021 in the Noongar Season of Djilba at Graylands Hospital.

Djilba is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold and clear days combining with warmer, rainy and windy days mixing with the occasional sunny day or two. This is the start of the massive flowering explosion that happens in the South West. This starts with the yellow flowering plants such as the Acacias.



Graylands Hospital

The Board visited Graylands Hospital and received an update from Hon. Jim McGinty AM regarding the Graylands Reconfiguration and Forensic Taskforce (GRAFT) as well as a presentation from Dr Samir Heble and Dr Vanda Smith.

Board Committee Updates:

The Board reviewed the minutes of its Committees and were provided with a precis from each Chair as follows:

- People, Engagement and Culture Committee highlighted the continuing work around reviewing Communication and Marketing opportunities; Conversion to Permanency by Workforce; PECAC and PEC Ambassador engagement across sites and services. The Minister for Health Your Voice in Health Survey results for 2021 were also noted as due for release and will be a clear focus in upcoming meetings.
- Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee received a presentation from Dr Nathan Gibson, Chief Psychiatrist, Office of the Chief Psychiatrist who outlined his role, flagged his areas of concern in the funding of the Community Mental Health sector as well as praised the outstanding care provided to Mental Health patients across WA.
- Finance Committee focussed on the draft Service Level Agreement and the budget issues still to be answered.
- Audit & Risk Committee met on the 11 August noting their focus on a Strategic Risk Deep Dive regarding legislation, regulation, policy and accreditation requirements and the review and endorsement of the NMHS Board Risk Appetite Statement.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update:

The Board Chair and Chief Executive provided updates which included the discussion of a number of topics including –

- Ongoing pressure on the system as a whole with capacity issues remaining at a critical level.
- Cessation of elective surgery for non-urgent category 2 and 3 patients across the system for a month.





Clinical Prof David Forbes AM
Board Chair
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- Workforce issues and recruitment still being addressed with a number of options explored including intrastate and overseas recruitment.

The Board reflected on the level of effort required by all to run an organisation of this size. From the front line to the North Executive Team and the Chief Executive with all to be congratulated.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled for Friday 24 September 2021 and will be held at Osborne Park Hospital.

