



NMHS Board Communiqué

August 2026

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations of the NMHS Board meeting held on Friday, 7 August 2026 at Graylands Campus, Mount Claremont, in the Noongar Season of Djilba.



Djilba (first spring) 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.

Board members present

Adj Assoc Prof Karen Gullick, Board Chair
Jahna Cedar OAM
Assoc Prof Mathew Coleman
Anthony Evans
Renae Farmer
Anthony Hume
Andrea LeGuier
Assoc Prof Lewis MacKinnon
Dr Ian Rogers

Apologies

Angela Komninos

Approvals and endorsements

- NMHS Statement of Intent 225/26 quarter 4 report
- NMHS Integrity Framework
- Financial accounting and reporting requirements
- Annual Board Committee work plans

Events and achievements

- King Edward Memorial Hospital 110th Anniversary

Welcome and introduction

The Board welcomed new Board members Ms Andrea LeGuier and Mr Anthony (Tony) Hume to their first meeting.

Our Community and Our People: embedding our values

Reflections on consumer feedback, as they relate to the NMHS values, are a monthly focus for the Board. The stories offer valuable insights to help us understand the needs of our community and provide learning opportunities to make our services better and safer, to deliver excellent health care.

This month, the Board reflected on NMHS's ongoing commitment to staff safety and wellbeing, recognising the importance of balancing effective risk management and support systems for patients who may present with behaviours of concern with compassionate care.

In addition, the Board acknowledged feedback from a patient who appreciated the support and care from the Hospital in the Home team.

Presentations to the Board

The Board welcomed members from the Office of Major Infrastructure Development (OMID) who provided an update on the status of the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Precinct Masterplan and the extensive stakeholder consultation being undertaken. The Board heard how the approach will enable a strategic and coordinated approach to guide future planning and decision-making across the precinct for health, research and tertiary education.

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
- Attendance at the July Minister for Health's Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting, which focussed on Winter Care Teams
- Hosting of the Health Service Provider Board Chairs' Forum on 13 July 2026 where Board Chairs considered issues in common
- Attendance at the King Edward Memorial Hospital 110th anniversary
- Resignation of Board member, Mrs Cedar OAM

Chief Executive

This month's report included updates on:

- Mount Hospital Transition Project



Visits and engagement

- Board tours, Graylands Campus:
 - Murchison Ward East
 - Murchison Ward West



DonateLife WA Lap for Life

(L-R): Mrs Renae Farmer, NMHS Board member; Robert Toms, NMHS Chief Executive.

King Edward Memorial Hospital 110th Anniversary



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Next Board meeting

Friday, 4 September 2026
Osborne Park Hospital, Stirling

- Appointment of Dr Jodi Graham as Chief Executive Officer for Joondalup Health Campus (Ramsay Health Care)
- Key priorities for 2026/27 with focus on safe, high-quality care and financial sustainability
- Winter strategy, and capacity and demand optimisation
- Performance, including access to emergency services, elective surgery and outpatient program reform
- Highlights, risks, and areas of focus from each of the operational areas

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

The Committee considered the revised NMHS Integrity Framework, which incorporates the NMHS Integrity Framework and NMHS Fraud and Corruption Control Plan, and fulfils requirements of the Public Sector Commission.

In addition, the Committee assessed the scope of several internal audits and discussed expanded obligations under the Global Internal Audit Standards to support effective internal audit oversight.

Regular reports on legislative and regulatory compliance obligations, as well as risk oversight and progress of the internal and external audit program were reviewed.

Finance Committee

The Committee received its regular update on performance and activity from the Women and Newborn Health Service. In addition, it considered financial regulatory matters, noted progress to finalise the 2026/27 Commission Service Agreement and Joondalup Health Campus 2026/27 Annual Notice, and received an update on the status of contracts and procurements.

Reports and discussions focussed on performance, activity, budget and staffing trends, including strategies to ensure financial sustainability.

People, Engagement and Culture Committee

No meeting held in July.

Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee

The Committee welcomed members from Joondalup Health Campus who shared progress of interventions to improve emergency care and care coordination as well as status of safety and quality performance.

The Committee also received a presentation by the Graylands Hospital Aboriginal Mental Health Liaison Service, which plays a critical role in supporting patient cultural wellbeing, and the Mental Health Services Dental Health Services regular update on safety and quality performance.

In addition, the Committee noted the organisation's healthcare performance in several recently published internal and external reports.

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.