



NMHS Board Communiqué

June 2026

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations of the NMHS Board meeting held on Friday, 5 June 2026 at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Nedlands, in the Noongar Season of Makuru.



Makuru is the coldest and wettest time of the year, with rain, storms and long nights.

Board members present

Adj Assoc Prof Karen Gullick, Board Chair
Jahna Cedar OAM
Assoc Prof Mathew Coleman
Renae Farmer
Angela Komninos
Assoc Prof Lewis MacKinnon
Dr Ian Rogers
Rebecca Strom

Apologies

Anthony Evans, Deputy Board Chair

Approvals and endorsements

- NMHS Annual Internal Audit Plan 2025/26
- Financial accounting and reporting requirements

Visits and engagement

- WA Ministerial Taskforce – Ambulance Ramping
- Nedlands Rotary Nurse of the Year Awards – Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- Karrinyup Rotary Nurse of the Year Awards – Osborne Park Hospital

Our Community and Our People: embedding our values

Reflections on consumer feedback and insights, as they relate to the NMHS values and patient-centred care, are a regular focus for the Board offering valuable insights to help us understand the needs of our community and provide learning opportunities to make our services better and safer, and provide excellent compassionate care.

This month the Board heard stories from consumers who shared their experiences of Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group's Acute Services Division. The Board reflected on the challenges of managing patient expectations and factors contributing to perceived quality of care. In addition, it commended the Emergency Department for care tailored to patients with autism.

Presentations to the Board

The Board received a briefing on the NMHS Winter Strategy and Operational Plan, which outlined work underway across the organisation to prepare for and support the system, patients and our workforce during periods of higher demand for hospital and community services. The Board heard how initiatives are focussed on prevention, patient flow, bed capacity and caring for older people, to ensure safe care is available when and where it is needed.

Board Chair and Chief Executive update

Our updates and considerations focussed on review of current issues and reports.

Board Chair

Discussions and reflections included:

- Monthly WA Ministerial Taskforce – Ambulance Ramping
- WA Health's response to fuel supply disruption and supply chain vulnerabilities
- Matters of legal and regulatory compliance
- April Health Service Performance Report
- Acknowledgement of the invaluable contribution by outgoing Board member Ms Rebecca Strom

Chief Executive

This month's report included updates on:

- Mount Hospital and Bethesda Health Care agreement
- Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre master planning
- NMHS Executive staff changes and Department of Health appointments
- Winter Strategy: capacity and demand optimisation
- Emergency and elective surgery access performance
- Progress of major capital infrastructure projects, maintenance and minor works





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Next Board meeting

Friday, 3 July 2026

Joondalup Health Campus, Joondalup



Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Rotary Nurse of the Year 2026

(L-R): Adjunct Associate Professor Karen Gullick, NMHS Board Chair; Janelle McAllan, Excellence in Innovation Award; Dr Sue Sinni, Area Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services; Robert Mundy, Rotary Nurse of the Year; Annabel Ley, Excellence in Professional Practice Award; Robert Toms, NMHS Chief Executive.



Osborne Park Hospital Rotary Nurse of the Year 2026

(L-R): Eithne Molloy SCGOPHCG Nurse Co-Director; Gemma Hadwell, Rotary Nurse of the Year; Roz Farley, Excellence in Leadership finalist; Charlotte McGivern and Lee Park, Excellence in Innovation Award; Liam Turner, Excellence in Professional Practice Award; Adjunct Associate Professor Karen Gullick, NMHS Board Chair.

- Status of digital transformation projects
- Performance highlights, risks and insights from each operational area

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 hosted the Office of the Auditor General's Formal Entrance Meeting, to which all Board members were invited, in readiness for the annual external Financial and Information Systems audits.

The Committee also received an update on initiatives to strengthen corruption and fraud prevention, and considered the rolling Annual Internal Audit Plan 2026/27, which provides oversight of internal audit activities.

In addition, reports were tabled on legislative and regulatory compliance obligations, risk oversight, as well as the progress of internal and external audits.

Finance Committee

The Committee reviewed strategic risk and considered relevant interjurisdictional audit report findings in a financial context.

In addition, the status of priority procurements and contracts, and major capital works were noted.

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

People, Engagement and Culture Committee

No meeting held in May.

Safety, Quality and Consumer Engagement Committee

The Committee welcomed staff from Maternal Fetal Medicine, which functions as a State-wide tertiary referral service for complex pregnancy care including pre-term birth and perinatal loss.

The Committee also received a presentation from the NMHS Medical and Nursing Chief Information Officers about learnings from the introduction of an electronic medical record in Alberta, Ontario, and readiness for the introduction of a local State-wide patient portal.

In addition, The Women and Newborn provided an update on safety and quality performance.

The monthly consumer experience, safety and quality performance and trends were reviewed, with focus on activities/initiatives related to continuous improvement, quality assurance and embedding a safety culture.



2026 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards

Mrs Renae Farmer, NMHS Board Member; Michelle Dixon, Nurse Manager, SCGOPHCG; Su Kitchen, finalist; Joanne Reid, Nurse Director; Renee de Prazer, Acting Executive Director, Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG); Dr Jodi Graham, Executive Director, SCGOPHCG; Christine Lawless (guest); Robert Toms, NMHS Chief Executive; Assoc Prof Mathew Coleman, NMHS Board Member.