



A Message from **Cheryl Vardon AO**
Board Chair



Board Meeting Summary

Thursday 31 August 2023

The North West Hospital and Health Board (NWHHB) held its monthly meeting held virtually Thursday 31 August 2023. The meeting was chaired by Board Chair Cheryl Vardon AO and attended by seven (7) members of the Board, Deputy Board Chair Prof. Eleanor Milligan, Bill Armagnacq, Cath Brokenborough, Fiona Hill, David Keenan, Mellissa Naidoo and Jane McMillan.

Health Service Chief Executive reported to the Board the operations and activity for North West Hospital and Health Service (NWHHS) for the last month.

Other key agenda items discussed included but are not limited to:

- **Workforce Culture and WHS Due Diligence** – including an update on initiatives relating to workplace culture
- **Financial Performance** – including an operating performance update
- **RHD Recommendations** - an update on Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) recommendation progress
- **Strategic Risk Report** – an outline and update on Tier 1 and Tier 2 strategic risks

The Board approved the following:

- Financial Statements – 30 June 2023

The Board received updates from the Board Committees, including:

- Safety, Quality and Clinician Engagement Committee (Chaired by Prof. Eleanor Milligan)
- Audit and Risk Committee (Chaired by Dr Marco Giuseppin)
- Finance and Performance Committee (Chaired by Bill Armagnacq)
- Executive Committee (Chaired by Board Chair Cheryl Vardon)
- Stakeholder Engagement Committee (Chaired by Cath Brokenborough)

The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress North West Hospital and Health Service's commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.

On Tuesday 5 September, 2023, Board Chair Cheryl Vardon and Health Service Chief Executive Sean Birgan were joined by Board members Bill Armagnacq, Fiona Hill and Dr Mellissa Naidoo as they visited Mornington Island and Doomadgee. The group met with staff, community and stakeholders in both locations and viewed facilities. While in Mornington Island the group learned about a health living program where fresh vegetables are grown hydroponically.

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