



A Message from Cheryl Vardon Board Chair



Board Meeting Summary

Tuesday 28 February 2023

The North West Hospital and Health Board (NWHHB) held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 28 February 2023, at Mount Isa. The meeting was chaired by Board Chair Cheryl Vardon and attended by nine (9) members of the Board, Deputy Chair Prof. Eleanor Milligan, Bill Armagnacq, Cath Brokenborough, Linda Ford, Dr Marco Giuseppin, Fiona Hill, David Keenan, Jane McMillan and Dr Mellissa Naidoo (Virtual).

The A/Health Service Chief Executive reported to the Board the operations and activity for North West Hospital and Health Service (NWHHS) for the last month. This included updates on disaster management, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation, Working for Queensland Report, Maternity Feedback Review, and Director of Nursing appointments.

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

- **First Nations Mock Accreditation Assessment** – a review and readiness diagnostic against NSQHS Standards.
- **Workforce Culture and WHS Due Diligence** – including continued Psychosocial Code of Practice discussion and update on support provided to staff.
- **Strategic Planning Project** – requirements and progression of future strategic planning
- **Financial Performance** – including an update on Orthopedic Surgeon Rotation
- **Safety and Quality Performance and Assurance** – a framework developed to describe the patient safety culture within the HHS
- **RHD Recommendations** - an update on Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) recommendation progress

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)

The Board participated in a Midwifery Virtual Reality Program. The program consists of headsets that can be provided to remote facilities, and they are able to engage with facilitators via a virtual reality model and has been well received.

Right: Deputy Board Chair, Eleanor Milligan pictured with Julie Sorrell, Nurse Researcher.



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The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress our commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.

Prior to the meeting, on Monday, 27 February 2023, Board Chair Cheryl Vardon and Deputy Board Chair travelled to Cloncurry with A/Health Service Chief Executive Sean Birgan. While in Cloncurry, they met with Mayor Greg Campbell and visited Cloncurry MPHS to meet with staff and tour the facility.

This summary of key issues discussed and decisions made are approved for publishing by the North West Hospital and Health Board Chair and does not form or represent any part of the meeting minutes.