



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



Board Meeting Summary

Tuesday 27 June 2023

The North West Hospital and Health Board (NWHHB) held its monthly meeting in Mount Isa on Tuesday, 27 June 2023. The meeting was chaired by Board Chair Cheryl Vardon AO and attended by nine (9) members of the Board, Deputy Board Chair Prof. Eleanor Milligan, Bill Armagnacq, Cath Brokenborough, Linda Ford, Dr Marco Giuseppin, Fiona Hill, David Keenan (Virtual), Jane McMillan and Dr Mellissa Naidoo.

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 an update on accreditation assessment against National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standard and successful Connected Communities Pathway funding.

The Board congratulated Sean Birgan, Health Service Chief Executive, on his recent permanent appointment to the role.

The Board noted the expected release of the coronial inquest findings into the tragic deaths of three First Nations women who died of rheumatic heart disease (RHD). The Board offers its sincerest condolences to the families of those who passed away and the entire Doomadgee community.

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

- **Workforce Culture and WHS Due Diligence** – including an update on improved analytics
- **Financial Performance** – including an operating performance update and structured rectification plans
- **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 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 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 Tuesday, 27 June 2023, Board Members participated in 'Service Spotlight' showcases and visited Mount Isa Hospital's Emergency Department and the Allied Health Department. Board Members were impressed by the enthusiasm, passion, strategic long-term vision and strategy for the service moving forward.

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While in Mount Isa, the Board participate in the Official Welcome to Country for newly appointed Health Service Chief Executive Sean Birgan.



On Wednesday, 28 June 2023, Board Members Cath Brokenborough and Fiona Hill joined Deputy Board Chair Eleanor Milligan on a visit to Camooweal. The group toured Camooweal Primary Health Clinic, spent time with staff and learned about the current Paramedic/DON Model of Care trial with Queensland Ambulance Service



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.