

## The latest news, views, and announcements

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This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at the Armadale Health Service Executive Boardroom

#### Board Members Present

Ms Pia Turcinov AM, Board Chair  
Dr Denise Glennon, Deputy Board Chair  
Mr Peter Forbes  
Mr Ross Keesing  
Ms Tracey Moroney  
Ms Vanessa Elliott  
Dr Steve Patchett  
Ms Elizabeth Koff

#### Board Leader Rounding

Digital Medical Records – Peter Forbes & Vanessa Elliott; Electronic Medication Management – Ross Keesing; AKG Nursing and Midwifery Leadership Forum – Denise Glennon & Tracey Moroney; Mental Health Staff – Steve Patchett and Pia Turcinov.



### Board Chair – Ms Pia Turcinov

The Board members travelled to the Armadale Health Service to hold the April Board Meeting. The Board members immensely enjoyed meeting staff, patients, and visitors across the campus, through the various Board engagement opportunities.

The Board received a presentation from the Chair's of the Medical Advisory Committee's (MAC's) from Royal Perth Hospital and Armadale Health Service. The Board noted initiatives raised by the MAC Chair's and will work with the executives on addressing issues raised.

Pia provided an update on the regularly scheduled meeting with the Minister for Health and the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce Meeting.

The Board were invited to an internally hosted Cyber Simulation Exercise in April using the board game Corporates Compromised, a cyber security awareness training tool developed by the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre.

Participating in the official opening of the Armadale Community Mental Health Service at the Orchard Avenue Centre marked a fitting conclusion to our Board's visit to Armadale Hospital. Exploring the newly established facility, we were truly impressed by its state-of-the-art amenities. The meticulously planned layout arrangement, extensive safety measures, soothing colours, architectural design, and attention to every aspect made a profound impact on each of us. There is no doubt that the Centre sets a new standard for the delivery of community mental health services in Western Australia. Thankyou all who were involved in bringing this project to life, and special thanks to Neil Cowan, Karen Elliot, Shannon Stuart, and the Armadale Community Mental Health Team.



### Chief Executive – Dr Lesley Bennett

Dr Bennett provided an update on key matters across EMHS including:

- The EMHS executive hosted a Tier 3 Leadership Breakfast, providing key updates on significant areas across EMHS.
- The Aboriginal Health Champions training is progressing across EMHS, with AEG staff attending a session and further sessions planned for leadership staff across all our sites.

### Committee Reports

The Board discussed reports from the Chairs of the Board Safety & Quality, Audit & Risk & Strategy, and Board Finance Committees.

#### Safety & Quality:

- The Chair reported back to the Board that Safety & Quality Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have been consistently performing well over the past year.
- Safety & Quality Indicator Set (SQiS) Report – The Committee noted that EMHS is the highest performing HSP for 13/22 indicators.

#### Audit & Risk:

- The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has almost completed its field work relating to EMHS General Computing Controls (GCC).

#### Finance:

- The Committee discussed the EMHS financial matters for the month.
- The Committee reviewed a high-level summary of the draft Strategic Asset Plan Review 2024, which will be circulated for full Board review.

### Site Updates

The Executive Director – Royal Perth Bentley Group, Mr Ben Noteboom, provided an update on RPBG matters this month, including:

- RPBG celebrates the Pharmacy Aseptic Compounding Unit achieving practical completion.
- The East Experience featured in the AMA Medicus March – April 2024. The East Experience continues to receive positive feedback from the medical community.
- RPBG undertook the first Haemodialysis Intensive Program in partnership with WA Country Health Service (WACHS). The program is to provide rapid upskilling for nurses to deliver dialysis care in WA Country Health.
- The Annual Health Roundtable Innovations Showcase is being hosted in Brisbane from 16-17 May 2024. RPBG are submitting three presentations: Haemodialysis Intensive Program, Vascular Access Team and ED Language Legends Application.

The Executive Director – Armadale Kalamunda Group, Mr Neil Cowan, provided an update on AKG matters this month, including:

- AKG reached 100% Transfer of Care on 31 March 2024 and an overall 79% overall for March 2024.
- On 10 April 2024 the Minister for Health and Mental Health formally opened the Armadale birthing suite.
- Two AKG nurses are WA Nursing & Midwifery Excellence Awards finalists – Congratulations Judy and Lorelle.

## Leader Rounding Reflections with Board Members

The Board Members participated in several engagement opportunities across the Armadale Hospital campus on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

The areas selected for visiting this month were: The Digital Medical Records and Coding Area; Electronic Medication Management; AKG Nursing and Midwifery Leadership Forum; and AKG Mental Health Area. Feedback from the Board Members included:

Tracey Moroney & Denise Glennon – The positive engagement and general work satisfaction shown across the nursing and midwifery cohort was fantastic to see. It was amazing to hear about the innovative approaches to practice improvement being undertaken by the nursing and midwifery teams.

Peter Forbes & Vanessa Elliott – I was genuinely surprised at the cost of each medical record scanning machine. The hard-working coding staff showed a real passion for their roles, and it was interesting to hear about the number of systems used including the integration of the software with historical datasets.

Ross Keesing – Pharmacy Department and their staff were fantastic and very knowledgeable about the Electronic Medication Management System.

The Board Members attended a lunch with the Day Surgery Unit and Theatre staff, where it was lovely to meet so many happy and engaged theatre staff from theatre nurses to anaesthetic technicians and anaesthetic registrars.

