



EMHS Board Communique

The latest news, views, and announcements

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2025 at Royal Perth Hospital.

Board Members Present

Dr Denise Glennon	Acting Board Chair
Prof. Tracey Moroney	Board Member
Ms Melissa Grove	Board Member
Ms Vanessa Elliott	Board Member
Mr Andrew Whitechurch	Board Member
Ms Clare Grieveson	Board Member
Dr Glenn Murray	Board Member
Dr Cathy Nottage	Board Member



October 2025

Left to right: Outgoing Board Members - Ross Keesing (Outgoing Board Member), Pia Turcinov (Outgoing Board Chair), Peter Forbes (Outgoing Board Member)



Acting Board Chair – Dr Denise Glennon

- Acting Board Chair Dr Denise Glennon and Dr Lesley Bennett attended the Department of Health Winter Strategy Round Table workshop and the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting to discuss various issues across the organisation.
- The Board and Area Executive Committee hosted a farewell for the outgoing Board Members this month.
- Ms Sally Carbon attended the Board meeting informally prior to her official start with the Board next month.



*Incoming Board
Chair- Ms Sally
Carbon*

EMHS Board Committee Reports

Board Finance Committee

- The Committee discussed Medical Treatment Liability, risk cover and critical infrastructure across the system.

Board Patient Experience and Clinical Excellence Committee

- Dr Adam Howard, Head of Department and Caron Hewitt, Acting Nurse Unit Manager of the Royal Perth Hospital Intensive Care Unit provided the Committee with a presentation on the service.
- The Committee is focusing on streamlining Patient Experience reporting and performance monitoring.

Board Audit and Risk Committee

- The Committee continued discussions around EMHS risk profile and approach to managing risks.
- The EMHS Chief Cyber Security Officer, Ms Helen McLeish provided an update on cyber security.

Board Leader Rounding

Board Members had the opportunity to visit the Royal Perth Hospital Intensive Care Unit for Board Leader Rounding this month and commended the great work and dedication of staff in these areas.



Left to right:
Helen Fullarton
(Medical Division Co-Director)
Melissa Grove
(Board Member),
Clare Grieveson
(Board Member)
Dr Glenn Murray
(Board Member)
Rebecca Streeton
(Medical Division Coordinator
of Nursing) and
Sally Carbon (Board Chair)



EMHS Chief Executive – Dr Lesley Bennett

- Dr Lesley Bennett provided an overview of the various Health Executive Committee (HEC) meetings held in August including the Digital Health Steering Committee, Workforce, System Flow and Reform, and Safety & Quality.
- Emergency Access, the Aboriginal Careers Expo, Financial Sustainability and the Budget update for 2026/27 were all discussed at the October Board meeting.
- Dr Lesley Bennett welcomed the EMHS new Board Members and Board Chair to the organisation.

EMHS Site Updates

Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG)



- Kalamunda Hospital is the first WA Health site to be “fully automated” with automated dispensing cabinets and electronic registers.
- Efforts to improve patient flow are focused on promoting Home Hospital, CoHiVE, Rehabilitation in the Home and Next Step Services.

Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG)



- Current focus areas include the governance committee structure, capability building for the Safety and Quality team and patient access and flow.
- Hon. Ron Sao MLA, Member for Cannington visited Bentley Hospital this month.

Mental Health

- Work is underway to improve services for patients post discharge from the Mental Health Emergency Centre (MHEC).
- Improvements to the Mental Health Emergency Response Line (MHERL) continue to be a focus for the Mental Health team.

Presentation

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Chairs

The MAC Chairs provided the Board with an overview of activities being undertaken by the Committees at Royal Perth Hospital (RPH), Bentley Health Service (BHS) and Armadale Health Service (AHS).

Key items discussed included:

- Ongoing quality-improvement and clinical governance priorities across the sites.
- Emerging operational challenges and proposed approaches to support effective service delivery.
- Updates on workforce, training and engagement activities relevant to current committee focus areas.



Outgoing Board Member Farewell

Five (5) Members completed their tenure with EMHS this month including Ms Pia Turcinov, Dr Steve Patchett, Ms Elizabeth Koff and two (2) Members that have been with the Board since its inception in 2016; Mr Ross Keesing and Mr Peter Forbes.

EMHS held a farewell event for these outgoing Board Members to thank them for their contributions to the health service. Current Area Executive Group Members, previous Board Members and the former EMHS Chief Executive, Dr Liz MacLeod attended this event.

