



EMHS Board Communique

The latest news, views, and announcements

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at Royal Perth Hospital.

Board Members Present

Ms Pia Turcinov AM	Board Chair
Mr Peter Forbes	Board Member
Prof. Tracey Moroney	Board Member
Ms Melissa Grove	Board Member
Ms Vanessa Elliott	Board Member
Mr Glenn Murray	Board Member
Ms Clare Grieveson	Board Member



September 2025

Left to right: Clare Grieveson (Board Member), Dr Glenn Murray (Board Member) and Sally Carbon OAM (Board Chair)



Board Chair – Pia Turcinov AM

- EMHS hosted the Health Service Providers (HSP) Board Chairs' Forum where Ms Pia Turcinov served as Chair. Minister for Health; Mental Health Hon Meredith Hammat BA MIR MLA also attended this meeting to discuss key issues.
- Ms Turcinov and Dr Lesley Bennett attended the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting and the Key Issues Meeting with the Director General.

EMHS Board Committee Reports Board Finance Committee

- The Committee discussed EMHS' financial standing and budget discussions across the system.

Board Operational Performance and Strategy Committee

- The Committee discussed work being undertaken by the Behavioural Support Team (BeST) to assist with workplace violence and security.
- The Committee also discussed the results and outcomes of the EMHS staff survey.

Changes to the EMHS Board



Ms Clare Grieveson
Board Member



Dr Glenn Murray
Board Member

- The EMHS Board welcomed Ms Clare Grieveson and Dr Glenn Murray to their first Board Meeting this month.
- Ms Pia Turcinov, Mr Ross Keesing and Mr Peter Forbes attended their last Board meeting.
- The Board farewelled outgoing Board Members Dr Steve Patchett, Ms Elizabeth Koff and Mr Ross Keesing this month.



EMHS Chief Executive – Dr Lesley Bennett

- Dr Lesley Bennett provided an overview of discussions at the Health Executive Committee (HEC) meetings including infrastructure and system, flow and reform.
- Dr Bennett provided an update on current budget discussions, financial sustainability initiatives, emergency access and Aboriginal Health.
- Dr Bennett formally thanked the outgoing Board Members on behalf of the Area Executive Group (AEG) for their input knowledge and guidance.



Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG)

- Pressure on in the Emergency Department and Aged Care continue at Armadale Hospital due to demand.
- Service expansion and flow continue to be key areas of focus with various initiatives underway to assist in challenging areas.



Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG)

- Patient access to emergency and urgent care has been a challenging area. Various strategies are underway to address these issues.
- Five (5) areas within RPBG were announced as finalists in the WA Health Excellence Awards.

EMHS Site Updates

Mental Health

- Improved utilisation of the Ambulance Mental Health Co-Response service continues to be a focus across the system.
- The Minister for Health; Mental Health Hon Meredith Hammat BA MIR MLA visited Bentley Health Service this month.

Presentation

Dr Ben Carnley – Clinical Staff Association (CSA)

Dr Ben Carnley provided the Board with an update on recent discussions with the CSA and the broader clinical workforce.

Key items highlighted for the Board included:

- Staff morale and opportunities to support positive workplace culture
- Current operational pressures and areas where targeted support may enhance hospital performance
- Ongoing initiatives and ideas aimed at strengthening service delivery