



EMHS Board Communique

The latest news, views, and announcements

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 29 July 2025, at St John of God Midland Public Hospital.

Board Members Present

Ms Pia Turcinov AM	Board Chair
Dr Denise Glennon	Deputy Board Chair
Mr Ross Keesing	Board Member
Dr Steve Patchett	Board Member
Prof. Tracey Moroney	Board Member
Ms Elizabeth Koff	Board Member
Ms Melissa Grove	Board Member
Ms Vanessa Elliott	Board Member
Mr Andrew Whitechurch	Board Member



Board Leader Rounding at the Midland Adult Community Mental Health Service

Left to right: Matthew Fraser (Team Leader), Margaret Muldoon-Hong (Program Manager) Jason Ellis (Deputy Co-Director), Vanessa Elliott (Board Member), Steve Patchett (Board Member), Sherrill Hills (Senior Occupational Therapist), Melissa Grove (Board Member), Leeann Clark (Allied Health Assistant) Tracey Moroney (Board Member), Denise Glennon (Board Member), Andrew Whitechurch (Board Member), Pia Turcinov (Board Chair)

July 2025



Board Chair – Pia Turcinov AM

- Dr Denise Glennon and Professor Tracey Moroney stepped in to act as Board Chair this month due to Pia Turcinov's leave arrangements.
- Dr Denise Glennon and Dr Lesley Bennett attended the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce Meeting which included discussions on key initiatives within the system and winter planning.
- Dr Denise Glennon also attended a meeting with the Director General and other Health Service Provider (HSP) Board Chairs. Discussions centred around infrastructure and budget.
- Several Board Members attended NAIDOC events across the EMHS sites this month.
- The Board had the opportunity to visit the Stroke Team and Dementia Pod at St John of God Midland Public Hospital.

EMHS Board Committee Reports

Board Finance Committee

- The Committee discussed EMHS' financial standing and improvement initiatives in progress across the system.

Board Operational Performance and Strategy Committee

- The Committee discussed key items including Operational Performance, Clinical Service Planning, Workforce Issues and Digital Strategy.
- The Committee also discussed Aboriginal Health and upcoming events occurring across EMHS including the Aboriginal Business Expo.

Board Leader Rounding

Board Members visited the Midland Adult Community Mental Health Service and were impressed by the services that are offered and the dedication of staff to improve and integrate the service in to the community.



Left to Right: Melissa Grove (Board Member), Tracey Moroney (Board Member), Denise Glennon (Board Member), Leann Clark (Allied Health Assistant), Sherrill Hills (Senior Occupational Therapist), Pia Turcinov (Board Chair).



Board Members with Margaret Muldoon-Hong, (Program Manager), and Jason Ellis (Deputy Co-Director)



EMHS Chief Executive – Dr Lesley Bennett

- Dr Lesley Bennett provided an overview of discussions held at the various Health Executive Committee (HEC) meetings this month including updates on the WA Safety and Quality Strategic Plan and the Older Adult Community Hubs.
- Winter planning and financial sustainability are key topics for discussion across the system.
- Dr Lesley Bennett provided an update on the Byford Health Hub which is progressing well.

EMHS Site Updates



Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG)

- The Paediatric Clinical Decision Unit was opened this month to assist with the pressure on the emergency department.
- Service expansion and flow initiatives continue to develop to assist with providing care closer to home.



Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG)

- Pressure on the emergency departments continues to be a key area of focus with various winter strategies underway to assist with managing this demand.
- The Minister for Health; Mental Health, Hon. Meredith Hammat MLA visited RPH for Nurse and Midwife Patient Ratios.

Mental Health

- Ward 2K at RPH has reopened following its refurbishment.
- Promotion and initiatives to assist with increased utilisation of the Ambulance Mental Health Co-Response service continues to be a priority.



Board Members with Margaret Muldoon-Hong, (Program Manager), and Jason Ellis (Deputy Co-Director)



Left to Right: Margaret Muldoon-Hong, (Program Manager), Vanessa Elliott (Board Member), Arikirangi (Rangi) Matapo (Clinical Nurse), Bianca McCarthy (Team Leader)