

# EMHS Board Communique

## The latest news, views, and announcements

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board Strategic meeting held on Tuesday 7 April 2026 at Armadale Hospital.

### Board Members Present

Ms Sally Carbon OAM	Board Chair
Dr Denise Glennon	Deputy Board Chair
Ms Melissa Grove	Board Member
Prof. Tracey Moroney OAM	Board Member
Ms Vanessa Elliott AM	Board Member
Ms Clare Grieveson	Board Member
Dr Glenn Murray	Board Member
Dr Cathy Nottage	Board Member
Mr Andrew Whitechurch	Board Member
Mr Kane Blackman via Teams	Board Member

### Role of the East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS) Board

The EMHS Board is responsible for:

- Setting the strategic direction for EMHS.
- Undertaking decision-making and business in accordance with public sector and WA health system, legislation, regulations, policy frameworks, policies and standards.
- Overseeing the activity of EMHS, including systems of financial control, internal control and performance reporting.
- Ensuring EMHS functions are effectively performed at an operational level.

### Board Meeting Acknowledgements

An Acknowledgement of Country – Board Member Ms Vanessa Elliott undertook Acknowledgement of Country. A video produced by the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council was shown, with Vanessa providing an overview of the video and the connection to the land and Aboriginal Heritage.

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### Board Chair – Sally Carbon OAM

- The Board Chair met with the new Health Minister Advisor, Tom Beyer – Points of discussion were major projects, Board performance, Board’s Strategic Direction and the Winter Plan.
- Chief Executive appointment process was announced on 31 March 2026.
- The Board Chair attended the monthly Ramping Taskforce on 25 March 2026. EMHS presented East Care Connect (Hospital in the Home).
- The Board Chair attended the EMHS Key Issues Meeting on 1 April 2026 with the Director General, EMHS A/Chief Executive. The Board Finance Committee Chair and Executive Director, Finance attended the finance portion of the meeting.
- The Board Chair attended the International Women’s Day on 12 March 2026 and spoke on a panel with the Director General at the Department of Health event.
- The Board Chair attended the opening of the Royal Perth Hospital Research Foundation on 24 March 2026.



### Board Leader Rounding

- Board Members Dr Denise Glennon, Andrew Whitechurch and Clare Grieveson undertook leader rounding within the Medical Admissions Unit (MAU). The MAU is a 32-bed unit located adjacent to the Emergency Department, providing acute and initial medical care for patients up to 72 hours.
- Sally Carbon, Glenn Murray and Vanessa Elliott undertook leader rounding within the Emergency Department. The Board acknowledged the high performance of ED staff, noting a strong and positive workplace culture.
- Melissa Grove, Cathy Nottage and Tracey Moroney undertook leader rounding within the Maternity Department. The Board acknowledged Shannon Scari, Nurse Unit Manager, for her award as the 2025 EMHS Midwife of the Year and noted that there is a strong commitment to culturally safe care through Boodjari Yorgas Aboriginal Health Service





## April Board Meeting Quarterly Board Committee Reports

### Board Finance Committee

- Andrew Whitechurch provided an overview of discussions held at the Board Finance Committee meeting.
- The Board approved the Procurement Business Case for the Supply of Waste Disposal and Recycling Services to EMHS, under the Whole of Government Common Use Agreement – CUARWD2025.

### Board Audit & Risk Committee

- Melissa Grove provided an overview of discussions held at the Board Audit & Risk Committee meeting.
- The Committee is planning for a Risk Appetite Statement Workshop for the Board, hosted internally at EMHS.

### Board Patient Experience and Clinical Excellence Committee

- Denise Glennon provided an overview of discussions held at the Board Patient Experience and Clinical Excellence Committee meeting.
- The Therapeutic Goods Administration outcome on reporting adverse outcomes on medical devices was discussed with the Committee receiving a presentation from the HTMU service on how they monitor the devices created using 3D printers.

### Board People and Wellbeing Committee

- Kane Blackman provided an overview of the inaugural meeting, acknowledging Board members and Board support for assistance in setting up the Committee.
- The Committee held discussions on Aboriginal employment, disability recruitment employment and workers compensation across EMHS.

## April Board Meeting Governance Matters

- The Board received a written update from the A/Chief Executive through the Quarterly Chief Executive Report. Key items in the report were:
  - Royal Perth Hospital master planning.
  - EMHS Financial sustainability
  - EMHS Workforce, operational performance, cyber security and strategic partnerships, with a particular focus on assurance and risk.
- The Board attested to the Board Code of Conduct and affixed their signatures to the document.
- The Board received a presentation from Evan Hambleton and Sandra Miller in relation to the Redevelopment of RPH ED and Master Plan.