

A decorative header featuring several Christmas ornaments hanging from the top. The ornaments include solid red, red with white polka dots, red and white stripes, red and gold stripes, and red with white snowflakes.

PathWest Board Communique

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's December meeting as well as other important information.

Member attendance:

Prof. Christobel Saunders (Chair)
Dr. Sue van Leeuwen
Mr. Kevin Taylor
Ms. Michele Dolin
Dr. Kim Hames – *via VC*

Prof. Tarun Weeramanthri
Prof. Gelareh Farshid – *via VC*
Mr. Robert McPhee
Ms. Angie Paskevicius

In attendance

Mr. Joe Boyle (Chief Executive)

Ms. Jessica Clements

Apologies

Ms. Samantha Elder

December 2020 Board Meeting

The December Board meeting was held at Perth Children's Hospital on Thursday, 3 December 2020. We had a short meeting for the last of 2020, with the main items of decision and discussion listed below.

Key matters for decision

- Procurement requests for exemption:
 - PWST20183004 – Supply of two automated liquid handling workstations with the supply of consumables, service, and maintenance for the Department of Diagnostic Genomics, QEII.
 - PWST20205786 – Supply of an automated fluorescence in situ hybridisation imaging capture and analysis system for haematological cytogenetics including service and maintenance for the Department of Haematology, FSH.

Key matters for discussion

- PathWest Finance report – October
- Laboratory Information System update.

Following the conclusion of the Board meeting, the Board and Executive conducted a **Strategic Planning** session with external facilitator Trish Ridsdale, Managing Director, Board Business. The objective for this session was for the Board and Executive team to align themselves on:

1. The strategy to date
2. The scope and content for the strategy review
3. Structure and timeline for the delivery of the strategic plan
4. Process to be used to develop the strategic plan

This was the first stage for the Strategic Plan, with further developments scheduled over 2021.

Board Walks

Our Board Member Angie Paskevicius conducted the first Board Walk on Friday, 20 November 2020 at Busselton laboratory and collection centre. Angie recounts her visit below:



Pictured: Board member Angie Paskevicius (third from left) with some of the dedicated team at Busselton.

During my recent holiday in Busselton, I took the opportunity to visit our PathWest collection centre and laboratory. I was warmly welcomed by Brian Tucker, Manager and Scientist in Charge and his team.

The population in the catchment area for the PathWest Busselton service is growing rapidly, including Margaret River and the Augusta regions. This has significantly impacted on the number and complexity of Emergency Department presentations and admissions at the Busselton Hospital and the local call outs. As a result, the nature of work and the demand on our PathWest services and team has also grown significantly.

The PathWest team is a capable and passionate group of people with many years of experience in the pathology field. They are committed to developing strong connections to their community. Building and maintaining relationships with local GPs, hospital staff and the general community is a strong focus of all members of the team. They are proud of this culture which remains critical to the long-term growth of the service.

Next Meeting

The next PathWest Board meeting will be held on Thursday, 4 February 2021 at Fiona Stanley Hospital. On behalf of the PathWest Board, we would like to wish you all the best for the Festive Season with a happy and safe New Year. We look forward to meeting more staff in the New Year.

Professor Christobel Saunders
Chair, PathWest Board
10 December 2020



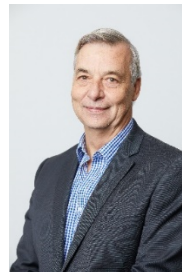
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