

PATHWEST Board Communiqué

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the 7 September 2023 Board Meeting.



Djilba is the season of conception. There's a massive explosion of flowers in the South West. Woodland birds are still nest bound and there's a mixture of wet days with an increasing number of clear, cold nights and pleasant warm days

KEY MATTERS:

Strategic Risk Workshop

Mr. Liam Murphy, Manager Audit and Risk Management attended this meeting to lead a workshop with the Board to discuss strategic risks. KPMG had been engaged to assist in refreshing the strategic risks, working closely with senior management and Executives. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed refreshed list of risks, with the Board seeking further information and review for more specific risks related to PathWest. The Board agreed that a subsequent Strategic Risk Workshop should be held during the November Board meeting to review the updated risks.

The Board commended Liam Murphy for all his work in relation to the development of the draft strategic risk profile.

Cybersecurity update

Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Mr. Tim Evans updated the Board on the development of a PathWest Cybersecurity Strategy, with the plan currently being reviewed by the WA Health Cyber Executive Committee. Once it is approved it will be part of the PathWest Information Security Incident Response Plan which sets out incident response methodology and lays out the steps, roles and responsibilities of departments and staff in the event of an incident.

REPORTS:

Finance and Business Performance Report

Mr. Sandy Kerr, Executive Director Finance Procurement and Commercial Services presented the Finance and Business Performance report to the Board. The inclusion of the recently developed Financial Health Framework was well received, and it was beneficial to see trends developing and to identify focus areas. The Board appreciated the work on the framework and looks forward to seeing how it will evolve with additional indicators over time.

Acting Chief Executive Report

The Board noted the State Mortuary Refurbishment Project has been awarded Practical Completion by the Department of Finance. As Board Chair, I attended the formal reopening of the refurbished State Mortuary with the Minister for Health and Chief Executive on Wednesday, 23 August 2023.



State Mortuary Upgrade Opening with the Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA and guests from the health, justice and police system

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

This month saw PathWest and the Board undertaking some future planning. Interviews for the Chief Executive position were held this month. The Board discussed the schedule for 2024 and the proposed meeting focus throughout the year.

As Board Chair, I attended the Aboriginal Health Executive Roundtable and the opening of the new State Mortuary. It is anticipated that the Board will have a tour of the State Mortuary in November. The Acting Chief Executive, Mr. Sash Tomson and I had a positive and informative meeting with the new President of the Australian Medical Association to discuss the Your Voice in Health Survey and other matters.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held in Perth on 5 October 2023

Ms. Angie Paskevicius
Chair, PathWest Board
September 2023