



### Summary of the key issues discussed, and decisions made by the Board

A meeting of the Darling Downs Health Board (the Board) was held on 29-30 November 2021 at Toowoomba Hospital.

#### Monday 29 November 2021

The Board received comprehensive presentations on:

- The legislative framework and planning underway for the development of the Health Equity Strategy, from:
  - Professor Maree Toombs
  - Rica Lacy, Director Indigenous Health
  - Bede Wilson, Project Lead Health Equity
- COVID-19 planning for the Queensland border re-opening and eased restrictions in December 2021, from:
  - Dr Liam Flynn, Director Public Health
  - Shirley-Anne Gardiner, Executive Director Toowoomba Hospital
  - Hayley Farry, Executive Director Workforce
  - Sharon Shelswell, Acting Executive Director Rural and Aged Care
  - Michelle Forrest, Acting Silver Commander COVID-19 Response Team
  - Natalie Taylor, Manager COVID Workforce Deployment

A Length of Service Awards Ceremony was held for staff achieving milestones of 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service.

#### Tuesday 30 November 2021

The Board meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan AM and attended by eight (8) members of the Board. A range of matters were dealt with at the Board meeting including:

- The Board received and noted reports provided by the Board Executive, Board Finance, Board Safety and Quality and Board Audit and Risk Committee Chairs.
- The Board discussed the Chief Finance Officer's report for October 2021 and noted the current financial position of the health service.
- Annette Scott acting Health Service Chief Executive provided a comprehensive report to the Board on the operations, activity and governance of DDH in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.
- The Board approved the following:

- Comprehensive Care Policy
  - Governance Policy
  - Allocation of Board Surplus for Browne House renovation
  - Proposed Officer and Executive Leader Due Diligence Self-Assessment Process
- The Board received regular internal updates regarding:
    - Work Health and Safety Performance
    - Infrastructure Report
    - Aged Care Report
    - Indigenous Health Report
    - Consumer and Community Engagement update

The Board held a thank-you luncheon for the Toowoomba Hospital Senior Management Team to acknowledge their hard work, dedication and commitment to the community during 2021.

*This summary of key issues discussed and decisions made is approved for publishing by the Executive Committee of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board and does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.*