



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 Tuesday 25 August 2020 at Stanthorpe Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan and attended by nine (9) members of the Board.

Dr Dan Halliday, Medical Superintendent and Ms Pauline Maude, Director of Nursing attended the meeting and presented an overview of activity, workforce, challenges, opportunities and innovations at Stanthorpe Hospital.

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 Audit & Risk and Board Safety & Quality Committees.
- The Health Service Chief Executive (HSCE), Dr Peter Gillies provided a comprehensive report to the Board on the operations, activity and governance of the Darling Downs Health (DDH) in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.
- The Board discussed the Chief Finance Officer's report for July 2020 and noted the current financial position of the health service. The Board noted contract negotiations for 2020-21 have been finalised.
- The Board endorsed the following:
 - 2019-20 Annual Financial Statements
 - Management Representation Letter
 - Electronic Signature for Annual Financial Statements
 - 2019-20 Annual Report
 - 2020 NSQHS Attestations Statement
 - 2020/21 Amendment Window 1 Deed of Amendment
 - Waste Management Policy
 - Infection Prevention & Control Policy
- The Board discussed:
 - Infrastructure Master Plan, a report prepared to consider strategic health infrastructure needs at all DDH facilities.
- The Board received regular internal updates regarding:
 - Work Health and Safety Performance
 - Consumer & community engagement activities
 - Infrastructure monthly report
 - Aged Care update
 - Strategy & planning projects update.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions community and staff engagement functions were limited. A Community Engagement function was held with a small number of Stanthorpe community stakeholders. Attendees included:

- Mr Vic Pennisi, Mayor Southern Downs Regional Council

- Ms Vickie Batterham, Chairperson Stanthorpe Community Consultative Committee
- Ms Debbie Wilmot, Representative Stanthorpe Community Consultative Committee

The Board took the opportunity to tour Millmerran and Inglewood Multipurpose Health Services on Monday 24 August 2020 and were impressed with the dedication and compassion shown by staff at these facilities and noted the COVID-19 preparations undertaken across the region.

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.