



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 30 – 31 August 2021 at Chinchilla Hospital.

Monday 30 August 2021

The Board took the opportunity to tour Miles and Tara Hospitals on Monday 30 August 2021. During their site visits they met with staff members and thanked them for their dedication to providing excellent patient care and health services to the community.

The Board received a comprehensive presentation regarding activity, workforce, infrastructure and achievements at the Chinchilla Hospital from:

- Dr Ghassan Abiad, Acting Medical Superintendent Chinchilla Hospital
- Michelle Wolski, Director of Nursing /Facility Manager Chinchilla Hospital

Tuesday 31 August 2021

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

- The resignation of Dr Peter Gillies who has accepted the Health Service Chief Executive (HSCE) role at Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service. The Board thanked Dr Gillies for his service to Darling Downs Health (DDH) over the past 12 years.
- The Board approved the temporary appointment of Annette Scott, Silver Commander COVID-19 Response as acting HSCE until the recruitment process is finalised.
- The Board received and noted reports provided by the Board Executive, Safety and Quality, Board Audit and Risk and Board Finance Committees.
- Dr Gillies 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 discussed the Chief Finance Officer's report for July 2021 and noted the current financial position of the health service.
- The Board approved the following:
 - NSQHS Attestation Statement

- 2020-21 Annual Financial Statements
 - Management Representation Letter
 - Toowoomba Hospital Foundation Board Chair Endorsement
- The Board received regular internal updates regarding:
- Work Health and Safety Performance
 - Infrastructure report
 - Darling Downs and West Moreton Primary Health (DDWMPHN) update
 - Aged Care report
 - Indigenous Health update
 - Consumer and Community Engagement update

A Community Consultation Luncheon was held with key community stakeholders, Chinchilla Hospital Management Team and staff to discuss health services in the region. Length of Service Awards were presented to two staff members for their 30 and 35 years of service by DDH Board Chair.

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.