



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

A meeting of the Darling Downs Health (DDH) Board (the Board) was held on Monday 23 March 2020 at Toowoomba Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan and attended by seven (7) members of the Board, with one (1) apology noted.

Ms Joanne Shaw, Executive Director Rural attended the meeting and presented the Aged Care Report and gave an update on the following focus areas:

- External Consultancy Accreditation Review
- COVID-19 Rural Taskforce update
- Aged Care Workforce Project
- Aged Care Royal Commission Recommendations

A range of matters were dealt with at the Board meeting including:

- The Board received and noted reports provided by the Board Executive and Board Finance Committees.
- The Board discussed the emerging COVID-19 situation including:
 - The Darling Downs Health COVID-19 draft Operational Plan
 - The latest SHECC report
 - An update on the Communications Plan from Ms Bekki Fisher, Director Media and Communications
- 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 Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.
- The Board discussed the Chief Finance Officer's report and the current financial position of the health service.
- The Board endorsed the *Darling Downs Health Strategic Plan 2020-2024*.
- The Board received the regular internal updates regarding the consumer & community engagement activities, infrastructure team monthly report and strategy & planning projects update.
- The Board received the regular updates from key external parties including Southern Queensland Rural Health (SQRH).

Due to the emerging COVID-19 situation all Board Community Consultation Luncheons and site visits were postponed and will be held in the future at a later date.

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.