

PATHWEST Board Communiqué

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the 5 June Board Meeting.



KEY MATTERS:

Specimen Tracking Presentation

Mr. Joel Graham, Medical Scientist in Charge, PathWest Specimen Tracking Project, presented an update on the progress and outcomes of the project. Mr Graham outlined the process required to evolve from a highly manual tracking process to an automated process with real time reporting. Harnessing existing technologies and internal expertise, the PathWest Specimen Tracking Project seeks to revolutionise how each specimen and sample is tracked and progressed, from patient to laboratory to clinician and resulting. The process reduces human error and creates increased testing efficiencies. Board members were interested in project progress as part of seeking ways to support one of the most geographically expansive health systems in the world.

Annual Governance Attestation Statement

All Health Service Provider Boards are required to complete an Annual Governance Attestation Statement as part of good governance practice. This Attestation Statement addresses essential governance principles and is key in providing assurance to the Director General of Health that the PathWest Board is governed effectively. The Board considered and discussed the development of this document to ensure readiness for endorsement at the next Board meeting.

STANDING REPORTS:

Finance and Business Performance Report

Mr. Sandy Kerr, Executive Director, Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services, presented the Finance and Business Performance Report. The report featured the continual development of recently introduced reporting methodology and focused on a streamlined Board budget for the 2025/26 financial year aligned with new system expectations. The Board discussed potential amendments to the regional travel and engagement budget for 2026, seeking ways to efficiently engage with the statewide PathWest workforce.

Chief Executive Report

Dr. Hadlow presented the Chief Executive report which included the following items:

- Progress updates on departmental governance reviews to ensure organisational-wide scientific governance continues to exceed standards and expectations.

- The establishment of leadership and development programs supporting high-level technical and scientific staff to upskill in management and professional development, including increased support and mentorship pathways.
- Ongoing plans and preparations for the upcoming Laboratory Information System migration.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR:

May saw PathWest Board members and Executive heavily focus on the development of PathWest's new Strategic Plan and direction, laying the strategic foundation for 2026-2029. Extensive feedback was given on past successes and experiences and informed an intensive day of big-picture and aspirational thinking, informing strategic planning for PathWest. This was a challenging session, and I thank and congratulate those involved for their contribution to this process.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held in Perth on 7 August 2025.



Ms. Angie Paskevicius
Chair, PathWest Board
June 2025