

PathWest Board Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's May Board meeting.

Member attendance:

Prof. Christobel Saunders (Chair)
Dr. Sue van Leeuwen
Mr. Kevin Taylor
Ms. Michele Dolin – *via TC*

Prof. Tarun Weeramanthri
Prof. Gelareh Farshid – *via VC*
Dr. Kim Hames
Ms. Angie Paskevicius

In attendance

Mr. Joe Boyle (Chief Executive)
Mr. Adrian Bautista
Ms. Jo McCran

Dr. EE Mun Lim
Ms. Analiese Sidhu
Ms. Nicola Chisholm

Apologies

Ms. Samantha Elder

Mr. Robert McPhee

May 2021 Board Meeting

The May Board meeting was held at the QEII Medical Centre on Thursday, 6 May 2021. We took this opportunity to meet with the QEII Principal Scientists and members of management over afternoon tea.

During the meeting we received an informative presentation from Dr. EE Mun Lim which provided the Board with an overview of the work undertaken by QEII Clinical Biochemistry, Pharmacology and Toxicology Laboratory.

Key matters for discussion

- The Board reviewed and approved the PathWest Board and Executive Rules of Engagement following our Governance workshops.
- PathWest Aboriginal Initiatives – Costings and Implementation were presented to the Board. The Board endorsed the proposed initiatives; although, approval is pending confirmation of the interim budget. The paper will be re-tabled at our June Board meeting for decision.
- The Board reviewed and approved the 2021/22 Board meeting schedule, noting there will be key meetings over the course of the year for strategic discussions and regional board visits.

Key matters for discussion:

- The Chief Executive's Report provided the Board with an update on performance and key PathWest activities over the month.
- The Board received high level updates on:
 - Finance and Business Performance Report – March 2021
 - 2021/22 Service Agreement with the Department of Health



Photo: PathWest Board with QEII Principal Scientists and members of management over afternoon tea

Key matters for noting:

- Board member and Chair of the Risk and Audit Committee, Angie Paskevicius recently participated in a survey regarding a proposal to establish an independent body to improve child safe systems in public agencies, including the handling of child abuse complaints. The Board noted the 10 National Principles for Child Safe Organisations recommended by the Royal Commission.
- The Board received key updates from the People and Culture Committee and the Finance Committee, noting the key decisions and discussions at the meeting.



Photo: Amazing rainbow over PP Block during the Board meeting

Strategic Planning

On Tuesday, 27 April 2021 the PathWest Board and Executive held a second combined Strategic Planning meeting. The session was facilitated by Andrea Lloyd from Andrea Lloyd and Associates. The objectives for the Board and Executive were to:

- Receive an update on the consultation progress to date; and
- Review, discuss and provide input on the draft Strategic Pillars, Goals, and Vision.

At the Board meeting on 6 May, we discussed the next steps and consultation with staff. The Board acknowledged the input from staff to date and are very pleased with the progress.

We would like to recognise the work of Jess Clements, Project Manager Office of the Chief Executive for her instrumental role in the consultation phase and the development of the Strategic Plan.



Photo (L/R): PathWest Board and Executive members during the Strategic Planning session

Message from the Board Chair

On behalf of the PathWest Board, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and effort from our amazing PathWest staff in managing the recent COVID-19 surge. Your continued commitment is truly inspiring.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held at Forensic Biology on Thursday, 3 June 2021.



Professor Christobel Saunders
Chair, PathWest Board
12 May 2021



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