

Communiqué

Health Support Services Board



This communiqué highlights key discussions from the recent HSS Board meeting.

18 August 2025

At the August 2025 meeting, we were pleased to welcome Dr David McCoubrie following his appointment to the HSS Board. Dr McCoubrie brings more than 20 years of experience in clinical leadership, medical administration, and emergency medicine across both public and private health care settings. He is currently the Chief Medical Officer at St John of God Health Care and is an experienced board member, having previously served as the Vice President of the Australian Medical Association (WA) and Chair of its Public Hospital Doctors Group Committee. His expertise, leadership and commitment to health care make him a highly valuable addition to the HSS Board. The Board and I look forward to working with Dr McCoubrie over his tenure.

On Wednesday 9 July 2025 HSS employees came together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week with a special event. This year's theme, '*Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*' was featured strongly throughout the event. A highlight of the event was the unveiling of a collaborative artwork created by a number of HSS' Aboriginal employees and presented by our Board member, Yaso Ponnuthurai. This artwork will serve as a lasting tribute to the theme and a reminder of our shared commitment to reconciliation and cultural celebration.



Our purpose: We support our customers to provide excellent health care

Key Matters for Discussion

The Board considered a number of important strategic matters, including the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) program, the Digital Health Operating Model, our Procurement Strategy and the HSS Strategic Plan.

The Board also received updates on HSS' current financial and operational performance, the progress of major ICT and ICT-enabled customer-driven projects and programs, strategic ICT initiatives, operational improvements and two Strategic Risks.

The Board approved the draft Annual Report 2024-25 and the Section 40 Annual Estimates 2025-26.

Chief Executive's Update

The Chief Executive provided an update on the operational priorities, key achievements and issues across HSS during July 2025.

Summary of Standing Items for Discussion and Noting

The Board received the following reports and papers for discussion and/or noting:

- Chief Executive's Report
- Chief Financial Officer's Report
- Performance Report
- A/Chief Information Officer's Report
- DMR/EMR Report
- Program Delivery Report
- Board Administration Report

Attendance

Ms Margaret Pyrchla (Board Chair)	Mr Peter Mott	Ms Pina Caffarelli
Dr Con Phatouros (Deputy Chair)	Dr David McCoubrie	
Dr Paul Boyatzis	Ms Yaso Ponnuthurai	

Apologies

Ms Amanda McKnight

Standing Executive Invitees

Mr Giles Nunis, Chief Executive
Mr Sash Tomson, Chief Financial Officer
Ms Carolyn Peel, A/Executive Director, Customer Experience
Mr Anthony Lenzarini, A/Chief Information Officer
Ms Julie Mount, A/Executive Director, Program Delivery
Mr John Forsythe, A/Executive Director, EMR
Mr Ralph Bates, A/Executive Director, HRMIS Delivery
Ms Emily Pestell, A/Executive Director, HRMIS Operations

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4 September 2025 at 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000.

Ms Margaret Pyrchla

Chair, Health Support Services Board