

North West Hospital and Health Service

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

JULY 2026

The North West Hospital and Health Board held its monthly meeting in Mount Isa on 28th July 2026.

The meeting was chaired by Board Chair, Tanya Arnold and attended by six (8) members of the Board: Deputy Chair Anne Pleash, Thomas (Bill) Armagnacq, Fiona Hill, Prof John Prins, Tonya Murray, Janelle Stuart Russell, Dr Robin Williams and Loretta Seamer.

The Board received updates from the board committees, including:

- Board Finance and Performance Committee (Chaired by Tanya Arnold, Interim Committee Chair)
- Board Audit and Risk Committee (Chaired by Thomas (Bill) Armagnacq)
- Board Stakeholder Engagement Committee (Chaired by Anne Pleash, Committee Chair)
- Board Executive Committee (Chaired by Tanya Arnold, Committee Chair)
- Safety and Quality Committee (Chaired by Dr Robin Williams, Committee Chair)

The Health Service Chief Executive reported to the board on the operations and activity of North West Hospital and Health Service (HHS) for the previous month.

Other key agenda items discussed included but not limited to:

- Financial Management and Infrastructure Report including Capital Project
- 2025-26 Asset Revaluation Report
- TIIM Funding 2026/2027
- Normanton Renal Staff Accommodation Project
- NSQHS Accreditation Assessment Outcome
- Strategic Risk Report
- Workforce, Culture and Work, Health and Safety Due Diligence

The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress North West Hospital and Health Service's commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.

Deputy Board Chair Anne Pleash and Board Member Loretta Seamer represented the Board and attended the North West Hospital and Health Service Staff Awards Night on 17 July 2026. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements and dedication of staff from across the organisation.





On Monday, 27 July 2026, Board Members Bill Armagnacq and Loretta Seamer travelled to the Dajarra Primary Health Care Centre accompanied by Di Phillips, Director of Nursing – Remote, and welcomed by Reeja Luthra, Director of Nursing – Dajarra. Board Members had the opportunity to tour the facility, meet with staff, and gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with delivering healthcare in a remote setting.



During the Board Meeting on Tuesday, 28 July 2026, Board Members hosted a Board Engagement Luncheon for available 2026 Staff Award winners and runners-up and acknowledged thier outstanding contributions and commitment to North West Hospital and Health Service.



On Wednesday, 29 July 2026, Board Members attended the inaugural Consumer Chairs Forum, led by Deputy Board Chair and Chair of the Board Stakeholder Engagement Committee, Anne Pleash, and Executive Director, First Nations Health, Christine Mann.

The face-to-face forum was well attended by Consumer Group Chairs, including Leisa Cusack (Chair, Mount Isa Consumer Advisory Group), Joe Bakhsh (Chair, Cloncurry Consumer Advisory Group), Kylie Camp (Chair, Burketown Consumer Advisory Group), and Susan Sewter (Chair, Mornington Island Health Council).

The program included professional development facilitated by Health Consumers Queensland (HCQ), guided tours of Mount Isa Hospital, and concluded with a meeting of the Board Stakeholder Engagement Committee.

Board Chair Tanya Arnold was pleased to meet with stakeholders on Thursday, 30 July 2026, including Mount Isa Mayor Cr Peta MacRae and Betty Keirnan, CEO of the Laura Johnson Home.

Following these engagements, the Board Chair visited the Child and Family Health Facility, accompanied by Wesley Shann, Acting Chief Operating Officer, before attending the Outback Allied Health Forum with Andrew Quabba, Health Service Chief Executive.

This summary of key issues discussed and decisions made are approved for publishing by the North West Hospital and Health Board Chair and does not form or represent any part of the meeting minutes.

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