

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

MARCH 2026

The North West Hospital and Health Board held its monthly meeting in Mount Isa on Tuesday, 24th March 2026.

The meeting was chaired by Board Chair, Cheryl Vardon AO and attended by seven (7) members of the Board: Deputy Chair Prof. Eleanor Milligan, Thomas (Bill) Armagnacq, Tanya Arnold, Fiona Hill, Anne Pleash, Tonya Murray (virtually) and Loretta Seamer.

The board received updates from the board committees, including:

- Board Executive Committee (Chaired by Cheryl Vardon AO, Committee Chair)
- Board Audit and Risk Committee (Chaired by Thomas (Bill) Armagnacq, Committee Chair)
- Board Safety and Quality Committee (Chaired by Prof. Eleanor Milligan, Committee Chair)
- Board Finance and Performance Committee (Chaired by Loretta Seamer, Committee Chair)
- Board Stakeholder Engagement Committee (Chaired by Anne Pleash, Committee Chair)

Acting Health Service Chief Executive (HSCE) 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
- Mount Isa Hospital Redevelopment Plan
- Mental Health Step Up Step Down & Psychiatric Emergency Care Unit Plan
- NWHHS Institutional Racism Matrix Audit Report
- Workforce, Culture and Work, Health and Safety Due Diligence
- Strategic Risk Report

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.

Board members hosted an Engagement Morning Tea to welcome recent senior appointments, providing an opportunity to connect with newly appointed leaders, strengthen relationships, and gain insight into their roles and priorities within the organisation.



An Engagement Luncheon was also held with the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and Executive Business Support Officers (EBSO) to farewell Board Chair, Cheryl Vardon AO, and Deputy Board Chair, Professor Eleanor Milligan, as they conclude their terms.

During the luncheon, the Board Chair reflected on her time with the organisation and expressed her sincere thanks to the staff for their support and commitment. The HSCE also acknowledged and thanked both Board Chair and Deputy Board Chair for their leadership, dedication and significant contributions to the North West.

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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