

North West Hospital and Health Service

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

MAY 2026

The North West Hospital and Health Board held its monthly meeting in Mount Isa on 26th May 2026

The meeting was chaired by Board Chair, Tanya Arnold and attended by (7) members of the Board: Deputy Chair Anne Pleash, Thomas (Bill) Armagnacq, Loretta Seamer, Janelle Stuart Russell, and Dr Robin Williams. Tonya Murray and Prof. John Prins participated virtually.

The Board received updates from the board committees, including:

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

The Acting 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
- QWAU Update for Remote Sites
- Q2 Quarterly Performance Report
- NWHHS Strategic Plan 2024–2028
- 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.

On 7 May 2026, Board Chair Tanya Arnold and Acting Health Service Chief Executive Andrew Quabba provided an update to the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) General Meeting in Karumba. NWQROC's member councils span the North West HHS footprint, making this a valuable opportunity to engage directly with key regional stakeholders and strengthen collaborative relationships.

While in the Gulf, the Chair and Acting HSCE also visited Normanton Hospital to meet with staff, acknowledge their ongoing commitment to delivering care in a remote setting, and gain insights into local service delivery and community needs.



On Wednesday, 13 May 2026, the Director-General visited North West HHS facilities in Mount Isa and Cloncurry with Board Chair and A/HSCE. The visit commenced in Mount Isa, where the Director-General met with several teams and recognised innovative local initiatives, including the work of the North West HHS collaborative pharmacist medication prescriber program.

The group then travelled to Cloncurry Multipurpose Health Service, where the DG met with staff and toured the facility. Reflecting on the visit, he acknowledged the strong sense of pride and commitment among staff, noting the importance of locally embedded workforces, including multiple generations of families contributing to healthcare delivery in their community.



On Tuesday, 26 May 2026, Board Members participated in a luncheon and engagement session with first year nurses and midwives.

The session provided an opportunity for Board Members and Executive representatives to connect directly with emerging clinicians and hear firsthand about their experiences working in the North West, while recognising their valuable contribution to the future of the region’s health workforce.





On Wednesday, 27 May 2026, Board Member Loretta Seamer, together with Acting Chief Operating Officer Wesley Shann and Director of Facilities Management Scott Lithgow, undertook a site visit to Camooweal Primary Health Care Centre.

The visit provided an opportunity to engage with local staff and gain further insight into healthcare delivery and operational activities within remote communities.

On Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May, Board Chair Tanya Arnold was joined by newly appointed Board members Prof John Prins, Dr Robin Williams and Janelle Stuart Russell at the Hospital and Health Board (HHB) Orientation Workshop in Brisbane.

The workshop provided a comprehensive overview of governance, system priorities and the roles and responsibilities of Board members, while supporting knowledge sharing and strengthening connections across Queensland Health boards and leadership.

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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