



Board Update

August 2021

The Central West Hospital and Health Board (the Board) continue to receive regular comprehensive updates from Health Service Chief Executive, Jane Hancock, on the current level of planning and preparedness in response to the pandemic situation. The vaccination program roll out across Central West Queensland is one important element of this and the Board is pleased to note the vaccination rate continues to rise.

As a health leadership group, the Board is very pleased to that its membership is fully vaccinated! A mix of AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines have been accessed in achieving this result and we encourage everyone who is yet to have the jab – **don't listen to the jibber – speak to the jabber!** Thanks to our partners at the Western Queensland Primary Health Network for this simple message – rely on the experts to make your best decision in the interest of your own health and the health of your family, community, and nation.

The Board came together over the internet for its monthly meeting on the 4 August. Members linked in from Emerald, Brisbane and even from home in Longreach in line with the lock down and quarantine requirements in South East Queensland.

The annual state-wide 2022 board member recruitment process is underway, and advertisements are occurring via various print and online recruitment sites. The Board has three members due for reappointment through this process which is due to be finalised in March next year. Interested members of the Central West community are encouraged to [apply](#).

The focus of discussion in the August 2021 meeting was the financial performance management of the health service. Reports on the current financial period performance and the budget for the next 12 months were received.

Final publication of the 2020-2021 financial period results will occur through the Queensland Government annual reporting process and we look forward to sharing this with you in early October 2021. The development of the 2020-2021 Central West Hospital and Health Service Annual Report is well underway, and the Board certainly appreciates the ongoing support of state and national funding providers in support of its vision as a Leader in providing far-reaching healthcare.

Applying resources to the delivery of safe, quality, and appropriate services requires hard work and leadership including when responding to challenges and risks. Our [2021-2025 Central West Hospital and Health Service Strategic Plan](#) details these risks beside our opportunities as we work towards achievement of our priorities and the Board appreciates the work that has occurred to deliver on this over the last 12 months. The dedication, flexibility and responsiveness of the broader Central West Hospital and Health Service Team has supported our leaders to achieve and the Board thanks them for their expertise in delivering a high level of access to emergency and primary care and preventative healthcare services.

We look forward to sharing our next update with you all as we move from Winter to Spring – a truly beautiful time of the year in our part of the world.

Enjoy this time and stay safe.

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