

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board Meeting 30 May 2017

Summary of the key issues discussed and decisions made by the Board

A meeting of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board (the Board) was held on 30 May 2017 at the Stanthorpe Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan AM and attended by eight (8) members of the Board, with no apologies noted.

Dr Dan Manahan, Director Medical Services – Rural Division, attended the meeting to present an overview of the Rural Generalist Pathway (RGP) data for the first ten (10) years of operation that was discussed at the 14th World Rural Health Conference in April 2017.

Dr Dan Halliday, Medical Superintendent and Ms Alison Evans, Acting Director of Nursing at Stanthorpe Hospital attended the meeting and presented an overview of the Stanthorpe Hospital and the strategies and priorities addressing the DDHHS Strategic Plan.

Ms Maree Taylor, Nurse Educator presented to the Board regarding the Wellness Program available for all streams of staff at Stanthorpe Hospital including elements of self-assessment, mindfulness, breathing techniques and yoga.

Dr Paul Clayton, Executive Director Infrastructure attended the meeting and provided an overview to the Board on the DDHHS Infrastructure Projects.

The Granite Belt Community Association (GBCA) Vice President, John Hendry and Secretary, Helen Gibson attended the meeting and discussed opening communication channels with the DDHHS to address the concerns of the local residents and the five core issues identified by the GBCA.

A range of matters were dealt with at the meeting including:

- The Board noted the appointment of Board members as per the Queensland Government Gazette notice dated 12 May 2017 and welcomed new Board member, Professor Julie Cotter.
- The Board received and noted reports provided by the Board Executive and Board Finance Committees.
- The Health Service Chief Executive provided a comprehensive report to the Board on the operations, activity and governance of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.
- The Board discussed the Chief Finance Officer report and the current financial position of the DDHHS, including the current progress of the 2017-18 contract negotiations with the Department.
- The Board reviewed membership of the prescribed Sub-committees.
- The Board reviewed and endorsed the DDHHS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (2017 update).
- The Board noted the monthly report received from the Darling Downs West Moreton Primary Health Network.
- The Board approved the increased contribution for the ieMR at Toowoomba Hospital to a total of \$6.9M.

A lunchtime stakeholder engagement function was held, attended by Hon Lawrence Springborg MP, Member for Southern Downs, the Mayor and Councillors from the Southern Downs Regional Council and

primary and secondary school representatives. Representatives from the Stanthorpe & Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce, Granite Belt Medical Services, Granite Belt Community Association and the local Community Consultative Committee were also in attendance.

This summary of key issues discussed and decisions made is approved for publishing by the Executive Committee of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board and does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.