

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board Meeting Monday 24 October 2016

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 Monday 24 October 2016 at the Murgon Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan AM and attended by (6) members of the Board, with apologies noted from Dr Dennis Campbell and Ms Megan O'Shannessy.

Dr Paul Clayton, Executive Director Infrastructure, attended the meeting and provided a presentation to the Board on the progress of the Kingaroy and Toowoomba Hospital redevelopment projects that are being assessed through the Department of Health's investment review process.

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

- The Board received and noted reports from the Board Safety and Quality, Board Executive and Board Finance Committee's.
- The Board discussed the Chief Finance Officer report to the Board and the current financial position of the DDHHS.
- The Board endorsed the Preliminary Evaluation Business Case, for submission to the Department of Health's Investment Review Committee in December 2016, for the proposed redevelopment of the Toowoomba Hospital, which was considered by the Board at an out of session meeting held on 14 October 2016.
- The HSCE provided a comprehensive report to the Board on the operations, activity and governance of the DDHHS in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.
- The Board discussed the Darling Downs West Moreton Primary Health Network (DDWM PHN) Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for 10 November 2016 and Board representation at the meeting.
- The Board discussed the invitation from Queensland Rural Medical Education (QRME) to join QRME's member group.
- The Board noted minutes from the Board Executive and Board Finance Committee's for the month of October.
- The Board noted the Council of Australian Government's (COAG) Health Council Communique and the major items discussed at its 7 October 2016 meeting.

The Board continued its program of visiting Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) facilities and met with key staff members from the Murgon Hospital to thank them for their continued efforts in providing excellent patient care and services to the community.

A lunchtime stakeholder engagement function was also held at the hospital and was attended by key DDHHS staff members from the South Burnett region, Councillor's Kathy Duff, Danita Potter and Terry Fleischfresser from the South Burnett Regional Council, as well as key local community members and service support groups.

At the luncheon, the Chair had the pleasure of announcing a \$190,000 project to build a new ambulance ramp at the Hospital to make it easier to manoeuvre patients into the Emergency Department. It was also an opportunity to inspect the new solar panels installed as part of Energy Queensland's *Business*

Solar Saver trial, which has seen Ergon Retail supplying, installing and now maintaining around 100 panels on the roof of the hospital. The solar panels will reduce the hospital's monthly energy bill by approximately 23 per cent and is one of the ways the Board is committed to ensuring our facilities are as efficient as possible and environmentally sustainable.

Part of the Board's presentation included recognition of outgoing Board Member Mr Terry Fleischfresser who finished his term with the Board in May 2016. Mr Fleischfresser was presented with a framed photo and photographic book of his time as a Board Member to thank him for his service.

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.