

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board Meeting 31 January 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 31 January 2017 at the Toowoomba Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan AM and attended by all (8) members of the Board.

Dr Paul Clayton attended the meeting and provided an overview to the Board on the DDHHS Capital Works Projects.

Ms Wendy Agar, CEO Sunrise Way attended the meeting and provided a presentation to the Board on the services provided and outcomes being achieved by Sunrise Way.

Ms Rica Lacey, Cultural Practice Coordinator attended the meeting to provide a further update to the Board on Closing the Gap, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Inpatient Activity and Discharge Against Medical Advice statistics.

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

- The Board received and noted reports provided from 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 DDHHS in line with identified service priorities and performance indicators.
- The Board discussed the Chief Finance Officer report to the Board and the current financial position of the DDHHS.
- The Board endorsed two DDHHS policies: Consumer Engagement and Waste Management.
- The Board endorsed the Board and Board Committee meeting dates for the 2017-18 financial year.
- The Board noted the work underway in relation to the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in DDHHS.
- The Board discussed the process and principles for management of consumer feedback and clinical incidents within the DDHHS.
- The Board noted an update in relation to the Toowoomba Suicide Prevention Network and other relevant initiatives of the DDHHS in relation to suicide prevention.
- The Board noted the 2017-18 Budget Build Principles.
- The Board discussed the presentation from the Cognitive Institute provided to the Board on the day prior to the meeting regarding joining the Cognitive Institute as a Safety and Reliability Improvement Programme (SRIP) partner. The Board approved for the Executive to progress becoming a SRIP partner.

DDHHS Staff Awards

The DDHHS Annual Employee Awards were held on 30 January 2017, with a morning staff forum where all nominees and finalists were recognised for being nominated by their peers, as demonstrating the DDHHS vision, purpose and values.

In addition, this year the awards included two new categories. These were the Volunteer Awards which recognised volunteers who greatly enhance the work of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service, and was sponsored by the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

The second new category were Research Awards to encourage the development of a research culture across the DDHHS and recognise the important contribution our staff make to contemporary evidence. Overall there 127 nominations were received in 11 categories in this years staff awards.

Board members presented certificates to 92 individuals and 26 teams who were nominated by their peers at the all staff forum.

The Board then hosted an evening awards function where the winners were announced. All finalists in each category were invited to attend this event to recognise their valuable work and hear about examples elsewhere in the hospital and health service. The guest speaker for the event was Dr Denis Lennox, Executive Director Rural & Remote Medical Support.

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.