Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board Meeting
9 December 2014

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 9 December, 2014 at the Unara Conference Rooms, Toowoomba Hospital.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Mike Horan and attended by all members of the Board.

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

- The Board approved the allocation of up to $4 million from surplus funding towards outsourcing of general surgery outpatient waiting lists.
- The Board reviewed and endorsed recommendations for the future model of service provision for Renal Dialysis services.
- The Board authorised the Chair to sign the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) Service Agreement 2013/2014 – 2015/2016, Deed of Amendment (Window 1).
- The Board reviewed the progress of Capital Infrastructure Planning Studies underway for Cherbourg, Murgon, Stanthorpe, Warwick, Dalby, Miles and Chinchilla.
- The Board noted that in line with the Transfer Notice under the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*, legal ownership of real property (land and buildings), registered leases, permits and other rights were transferred to the DDHHS from 1 December, 2014.
- The Board noted the release of the Australian Government, Department of Health guidelines and information in relation to Primary Health Networks. The Board asked to be provided with options on the Primary Health Network for Darling Downs and West Moreton moving forward.
- 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 received and noted reports provided from the Board Executive Committee, Board Quality and Safety Committee, Board Audit and Risk Committee and the Board Finance Committee.

On Monday 9 December, 2014 the Board continued its program of visiting DDHHS services and engaging with staff and the local community. Members of the Board visited Toowoomba Hospitals' Emergency Department, Surgical Unit, Medical Unit and Paediatric Unit.

The lunchtime session of the Board meeting, was attended by a range of managers and directors of services located at Toowoomba Hospital. The Chair took the opportunity to provide these key staff with an update on DDHHS achievements and activities over the past year, and thank staff for their ongoing contribution to the communities of the DDHHS.

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