



EMHS Board Communique

The latest news, views, and announcements

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 16 December 2025 at Royal Perth Hospital.

Board Members Present

Ms Sally Carbon	Board Chair
Dr Denise Glennon	Deputy Board Chair
Ms Melissa Grove	Board Member
Ms Vanessa Elliott	Board Member
Mr Andrew Whitechurch	Board Member
Ms Clare Grieveson	Board Member
Dr Glenn Murray	Board Member
Dr Cathy Nottage	Board Member
Mr Kane Blackman	Board Member
Prof. Tracey Moroney	Board Member



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Left to Right: Kane Blackman (Board Member), Glenn Murray (Board Member), Clare Grieveson (Board Member), Meredith Haigh (Ward 5 Nurse Unit Manager), Melissa Grove (Board Member), Cathy Nottage (Board Member), Tracey Moroney (Board Member), Sally Carbon (Board Chair), Denise Glennon (Deputy Board Chair), Ben Noteboom (Executive Director, RPBG).



EMHS Board Chair – Ms Sally Carbon

- Ms Sally Carbon, Acting Chief Executive, Ms Sandra Miller and Executive Director Corporate and Contract Management, Mr Philip Aylward completed a site tour of St John of God Mount Lawley following the announcement that negotiations are underway for the site to become a public hospital.
- Hon Meredith Hammat BA MIR MLA hosted a Business News Breakfast this month. Various EMHS Board and Area Executive Group (AEG) Members were in attendance.
- Ms Sally Carbon and Dr Lesley Bennett attended the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce Meeting.

Farewell to Dr Lesley Bennett, Chief Executive

EMHS Board Committee Reports Board Patient Experience and Clinical Excellence Committee

- The Committee continues to focus on the EMHS Continuous Improvement Strategy.
- The Committee also discussed restrictive practices and security in mental health areas.

Board Audit and Risk Committee

- The Committee is working to streamline communication between various departments to ensure consistency across risk reporting.
- The Committee discussed EMHS' strategic risks and were provided with a presentation from Executive Director, Infrastructure, Chandima Hiyare-Hewage around Infrastructure risks.



Dr Lesley Bennett attended her final EMHS Board Meeting as Chief Executive this month. Dr Bennett has been at EMHS since 2013 moving through various positions including RPH Medical Co-Director, Director of Clinical Services, Executive Director RPBG and before becoming Chief Executive in 2023.

Dr Bennett has guided EMHS through significant initiatives including the expansion of the Home Hospital Service – East Care Connect, the formation of the Mental Health Directorate and the roll out of the Digital Medical Record, Electronic Medicine Management and the RPH Innovation Hub.

The EMHS Board would like to thank Dr Bennett for her contributions to the health service over the years and look forward to working with her as she commences her new role as Deputy Director General, Clinical Excellence in 2026.





EMHS Chief Executive – Dr Lesley Bennett

- Dr Lesley Bennett provided the Board with an update on discussions occurring across the system including Winter Planning and holiday rostering.
- Dr Bennett highlighted the outcomes from the recent mid-year review budget process and what these mean for EMHS' future.
- Ms Ann Blunden, Acting Executive Director Clinical Strategy, Planning & Performance and Ms Sarah Kippin, Acting Director Strategy and Enablement provided the Board with discussion points for EMHS' strategic direction going forward.

Board Leader Rounding

Board Members had the opportunity to award the first, second and third prize for the Deck the Halls Christmas decorating competition at RPH. The Board commended the work staff had put in to bringing the festive spirit to the wards and wished all a happy holiday.



Left to right: Denise Glennon (Deputy Board Chair), Ben Noteboom (Executive Director, RPBG), Hollie Murray (Ward 7A Nurse Unit Manager), Sally Carbon (Board Chair), Clare Grieveson (Board Member), Kane Blackman (Board Member)



Left to right: Sally Carbon (Board Chair), Kane Blackman (Board Member), Denise Glennon (Deputy Board Chair), Clare Grieveson (Board Member), Sarah Tennant (Physiotherapist), Shobhy Mathew (Nurse Unit Manager), Ben Noteboom (Executive Director, RPBG).

A Message to EMHS Staff

On behalf of the Area Executive Group (AEG) and EMHS Board, we would like to acknowledge the hardworking EMHS staff for the dedication and passion they bring each day to ensure safe and patient centred healthcare can be provided to all West Australians. Thank you for a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing what 2026 brings.

Dr Lesley Bennett, Chief Executive
Ms Sally Carbon OAM, Board Chair