



North Metropolitan Health Service Board

Modernising how we govern and manage WA Health for better care and better value

Why has a Health Service Board been appointed?

- The *Health Services Act 2016* commenced 1 July 2016 to modernise the WA public health system, setting out how we govern, structure and manage WA Health to bring decision-making closer to service delivery and patient care.
- The North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) has been established as a separate statutory authority, governed by a Board that is legally responsible and accountable for the delivery of safe, high-quality and efficient health services.

Who is on the NMHS Board?

- The NMHS Board is comprised of 10 highly capable and committed professionals with a diverse range of experience across the fields of medicine and health care, finance, law, and community and consumer engagement.
- Members were selected following a rigorous selection process and bring a wealth of skills and experience to the board.

Board Chair

- **Professor Bryant Stokes AM** is a highly distinguished neurosurgeon with three professorships at WA universities, and a former Acting Director General of WA Health. Professor Stokes was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in 2001. With extensive experience at a senior executive level in WA Health, Professor Stokes brings strong leadership and governance skills to the NMHS Board.

Board Members

- **Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua (Deputy Chair)** is a highly qualified and experienced clinician, and is currently the Director of GP Liaison at St John of God Health Care Subiaco Hospital. Chair of the former Child and Adolescent Health Service Governing Council, Dr Capolingua has served on many health boards and committees and is currently Chair of the WA Immunisation Strategy Committee, Board Member of St John of God Health Care, Board Member of the Board of Governors of University of Notre Dame and State Councillor for the Australian Medical Association.
- **Dr Margaret Crowley** has extensive experience as a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in the community sector. She was previously a Director of the Warren Jones Institute for Community Health and Medical Research, and CEO of the Association for the Blind of WA. Dr Crowley has held numerous board positions including as a member of WA Board of the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia and on the South Metropolitan Health Service Governing Council.
- **Dr Felicity Jefferies** has over 30 years' experience as a medical practitioner working in both metropolitan and rural settings, and over 10 years' experience as a member of the Medical Board of Western Australia. Dr Jefferies has a focus on ensuring consistent standards of quality and safety of medical services and a background in rural workforce development including as an inaugural member of Health Workforce Australia and a life member of Rural Health West.
- **Ms Michele Kosky AM** brings a depth of experience and understanding of the patient and carer perspective from recent positions as Executive Director of the Health Consumers Council of WA and as Deputy Chair of the Mental Health Law Centre. Ms Kosky has considerable experience on consumer advisory councils and on the Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Healthcare in the development of the current Accreditation Standards.

- **Mr Graham McHarrie** has over 35 years of professional experience as a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in the disability services sector. A former partner of Deloitte, Mr McHarrie is currently Chair of Rocky Bay Inc. where he has also served as a board member. Mr McHarrie has also served as Chair on several finance and audit committees, and councillor on the Council of Edith Cowan University.
- **Ms Maria Saraceni** is a barrister practising in regulatory law, occupational health and safety and employment/industrial relations matters, and has previously served two terms as Chair of the Law Society of WA. Ms Saraceni is passionate about the benefits of multiculturalism and has had strong involvement in multicultural services including as a past member of the SBS Community Advisory Council and former President of the Ethnic Communities Council of WA. Ms Saraceni also previously served as Chair on the Women's Advisory Council.
- **Professor Simon Towler** is Medical Co-Director at Fiona Stanley Hospital and played a key role in the commissioning of the hospital's intensive care unit and emergency department, which he continues to oversee, among other critical services. Formerly Chief Medical Officer for WA Health, Dr Towler has been on numerous academic and medical boards including on the NMHS Governing Council and as Chair of WA Clinical Senate, Department of Health. He was also Executive Director of health policy at the Department of Health.
- **Professor Grant Waterer** is a consultant respiratory physician who has developed a successful academic career with major international roles, and is also a Doctor of Philosophy of Medicine. Currently Medical Co-Director of Royal Perth Hospital and Professor of Medicine at the University of Western Australia, Professor Waterer has over 20 years' experience in various clinical and medical administrator positions.
- **Mr Geoff Mather** is Group Chief Financial Officer at the Royal Automobile Club of WA and has extensive experience in accounting, insurance, financial services, strategy, governance and operations. Mr Mather has a keen interest in the retirement, aged care and education sectors, and was formerly a non-executive director at Amana Living.

What are the benefits to patients, our workforce and the community?

- Health Service Boards will bring a diverse range of skills and experience to ensure the delivery of safe, high-quality and sustainable health care to our communities.
- Greater local authority and accountability for the delivery of health services to the community.
- More responsive and innovative health services to meet local needs, including greater focus on local networks and partnerships to deliver care closer to home.
- Improvements to the performance of our Health Services over time, for example, in clinical safety and quality outcomes, financial performance and the patient experience.

More information

- Fact sheets and more detailed information on Health Service Boards and Chairs and Members are available on the WA Health website ww2.health.wa.gov.au/boards
- Email: health.reform@health.wa.gov.au

Related Fact Sheets

- *The Role of Health Services and Boards*
- *Changes to the governance of WA Health*
- *The Health Services Act 2016: A Snapshot*
- *The Role of the Department of Health*
- *The Role of Health Support Services*
- *WA Health Reform Program 2015-2020*