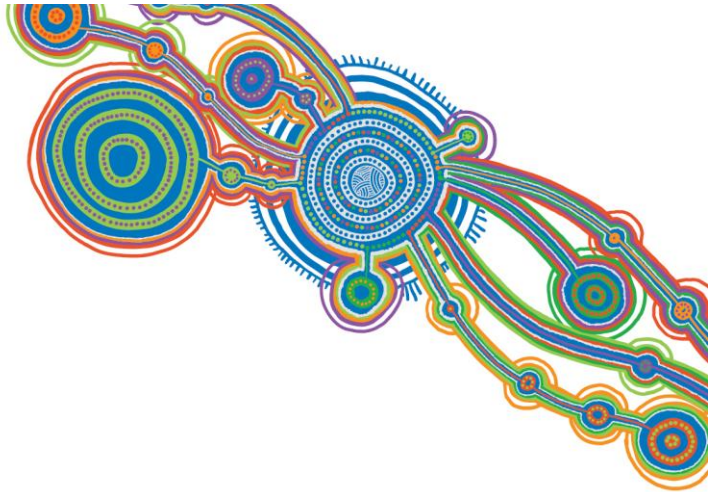




# Board Communique

28 August 2026

The Board met on 28 August 2026 at, Perth Children's Hospital (PCH), Boardroom.

**Attending:**

Dr Neale Fong, Board Chair

Mr John McLean

Prof Karen Strickland

Ms Kelly Worlock

Dr Peter Steer

Mr Amit Khullar

Mrs Mary Anne Stephens

Ms Tracey Brand

**In Attendance:**

Ms Valerie Buic, CE

**Apologies:**

Prof Eli Gabbay, Deputy Board

## Consumer Story

The Board received the presentation – Restoring Trust Trough Patient Centred, Trauma Informed Care which highlighted a young person who underwent a common procedure requiring sedation, but which did not go as expected. The management's approach, which included a meeting between the family, the child and senior clinical leaders reinforced the importance of consumer-centred care and the value of learning from patient experiences to improve future care.

## Key matters for discussion

**Finance Update:** The Board received a financial update for the reporting period and noted the continued focus on improving CAHS forecast financial position. Discussions included ongoing engagement with the Department of Health, initiatives to improve financial sustainability, and the budget prioritisation process to ensure future investment proposals are informed by CAHS strategic objectives, emerging service demands and the needs of the community.



**Child Development Services (CDS):** The Board received a monthly update on Child Development Services (CDS), noting progress in service reform, including improved referral processes, progress in reducing wait times and opportunities for shared-care models. Discussions focused on managing increasing service demand and ensuring reform initiatives continue to improve access, efficiency and consumer outcomes.

**Chief Executive Report:** The Board noted and discussed service updates for reporting period.

## Board Committees

- **Safety and Quality Committee:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.
- **Finance Committee:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.
- **Audit, Risk and Compliance Report:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.
- **People, Capability and Culture Committee:** The Board noted updates from the Committee Chair's report.

## Meeting with Community Ambassadors



The Board noted the Board Chair's meeting with the CAHS Community Ambassadors, which provided valuable insights into the experiences and needs of multicultural communities across Western Australia. The Board acknowledged the significant contribution of the Community Ambassador Program in strengthening connections between CAHS and diverse communities,

supporting families to access trusted health information and services, and providing important community perspectives that help inform service planning, delivery and continuous improvement.

Resolutions

## Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Perth Children's Hospital on **18 September 2026**.

Dr Neale Fong  
BOARD CHAIR  
August 2026

