

Western NSW Local Health District
Annual Public Meeting
Wednesday 2 November 2022, 1:00pm — 2:15pm AEST
The Quality Inn, Whylandra Street Dubbo and virtually (video)

Attendance of Board Members

Matthew Irvine (Chair), Fiona Bennett, Jason Cooke, Annette Crothers, Amanda O'Brien, Penny Gibbs, Sally Davis and Louise Johnson.

In Attendance

Mark Spittal, Chief Executive; Josh Carey, Executive Director Planning Performance Funding and Corporate Services, Krissy Ukena, Board Secretariat (minutes); Kathy Connell, Executive Director Communication and Engagement (facilitator).

Members of the community, health council representatives and LHD staff

Apologies

Dr Colin McClintock (Board Member)

Housekeeping

Ms Kathy Connell, Executive Director Communication and Engagement opened the meeting and provided information on how the APM would run.

Approximately 78 people, including members of the LHD's Board and Executive participated in the meeting.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm with the Chair providing an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed participants to the meeting.

Chairman's Report – Mr Matthew Irvine

The Chair provided a reflection on the past 12 months recognising the efforts of all staff across the District in what was a difficult time during the pandemic and thanked them for their ongoing commitment to the Local Health District. It was noted that there has been changes at the Executive level and Mr Scott McLachlan, former Chief Executive, was acknowledged for his leadership over his tenure and welcomed Mr Mark Spittal who was appointed Chief Executive in January 2022.

Chief Executive Address – Mr Mark Spittal

Mr Mark Spittal echoed the Chair's comments and extended his appreciation to all staff across the organisation.

A presentation was given which provided an overview of the Local Health District, services, infrastructure developments as well as current challenges, including workforce, and areas of focus for the next 12 months.

Financial Report – Mr Josh Carey

Mr Carey commenced by acknowledging the traditional owners of the various lands upon which we are meeting on.

A presentation was provided outlining 2021-22 financial results including:

- Expenditure associated with COVID-19 preparedness and response
- Increased financial pressure associated with workforce cost

Questions and open discussion

An open forum was held with consumers and stakeholders provided an opportunity to ask questions and participate in a general discussion.

Formal meeting closed 2.15pm

Signed: 

Date: 7 December 2022