

**Minutes of the Hunter New England Local Health District Annual General Meeting for the Year
2015-2016**

**Tuesday 13 December 2016 at the Royal Newcastle Centre
4.00pm-5.00pm**

Present

Associate Professor Lyn Fragar AO– Board Chair

Dr Felicity Barr – Deputy Chair of the Board

Dr Bruce Bastian – Member of the Board

Dr Helen Belcher – Member of the Board

Dr Ian Kamerman – Member of the Board

Ms Lyn Raines – Member of the Board

Ms Janelle Speed – Member of the Board

Mr Brad Webb – Member of the Board

Mr Fergus Fitzsimmons – Member of the Board

Mr Peter Johnson – Member of the Board

Mr Ken White – Member of the Board

Mr Frank Peterson, Community Member

Ms Jean Charlton, Community Member

Ms Isabella Nousmen, Community Member

Mr Stephen Oakley, Chair Executive Medical Staff Council

Mr Michael DiRienzo – Chief Executive Hunter New England Health

Ms Lauren Cruz – Executive Director Strategic Relations and Communications Hunter New England Health

Professor Trish Davidson – Executive Director of Children, Young People and Families Hunter New England Health

Dr Marcia Fogarty, Executive Director, Mental Health Hunter New England Health

Ms Jane Gray, Executive Director, Partnerships, Innovation and Research, Hunter New England Health

Ms Susan Heyman, Executive Director Rural and Regional Health Services

Mr Mark Jeffrey – Executive Director Finance Hunter New England Health

Ms Karen Kelly – Executive Director Greater Metropolitan Health Services Hunter New England Health

Mr Warren Laurence, Executive Director Information Technology Hunter New England Health

Ms Melissa O'Brien – A/Executive Director Clinical Governance Hunter New England Health

Ms Debbie Bradley – General Manager John Hunter Hospital

Ms Julie Tait – Service Manager John Hunter Hospital

Ms Sushilla Wagener – Service Manager John Hunter Hospital

Ms Cath Levey – Manager of Nursing Services Hunter New England Health
Ms Sarina Klages – Service Manager Hunter New England Health
Ms Alexandra Liston – Strategic Relations and Communication, Hunter New England Health
Ms Janine Mullins – Finance and Financial Services, Hunter New England Health
Ms Cherie Williams – Director Internal Audit, Hunter New England Health
Mr Greg Jackson - Manager, Records, Privacy and Information Security, John Hunter Hospital
Ms Viv Thomson – Management Accountant, John Hunter Hospital
Ms Louise Lazic – Senior Manager Chronic Disease and Aged Care, Greater Newcastle Cluster
Dr Paul Craven – Director Newborn Services, John Hunter Children’s Hospital
Ms Leeca Higgins, Representative for Ms Jenny Aitchison MP, Member for Maitland
Ms Sonia Hornery MP, Member for Wallsend
Ms Kathy Bullen, A/Manager Nursing Services John Hunter Hospital
Mr Kevin Sweeney – Chief Executive Officer Hunter Primary Care
Dr Alyson Armstrong Brown – Director Anaesthetist, John Hunter Hospital
Ms Pat Marks – General Manager, John Hunter Children’s Hospital
Mr Tony Robbs – Management Accountant, John Hunter Hospital
Mr Paul Crosby – Manager Desktop Services, Hunter New England Health
Mr Brad Melchers – Manager, Enterprise Systems and Infrastructure, John Hunter Hospital

Apologies

Apologies were noted.

Welcome

The Chair of the Hunter New England Local Health District Board welcomed those present to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land where the meeting was being held. The Board Chair introduced the members of the Local Health District Board who were present and thanks those members whose tenure was expiring. Dr Bruce Bastian and Mr Brad Webb were presented with certificates of appreciation.

Dr Pat Farrell and Ms Barbara Clark were welcomed as new members of the board, and Dr Stephen Oakley acknowledged as the new Chair Executive Medical Staff Council.

Tribute was paid to Professor Trevor Waring.

Presentation of the Year In Review Report

The Chair presented the Year In Review Report and outlined to the meeting the communities serviced by the District, the range of services being provided and the 2015-2016 year in review.

A patient story, Ahn, from H3 at John Hunter Hospital was played.

Chief Executives Report

The Chief Executive of Hunter New England Local Health District Mr Michael DiRienzo was invited to address the meeting on the future priorities for Hunter New England Local Health District and presented performance for 2015-2016.

The Chief Executive was thanked for his presentation.

Financial Report

The Director Finance for Hunter New England Local Health District Mr Mark Jeffrey presented the financial report.

The Director Finance was thanked for his presentation.

Questions

The Chair invited meeting participants to question the Board and Executive Leadership Team on any matters of concern or interest.

Mr Frank Peterson asked a question regarding the future of the existing Maitland Hospital.

Mr Michael DiRienzo advised that the new Maitland Hospital project was subject to an Expression of Interest process. Until this process is complete no decisions regarding the current facility can be made.

Adoption of the Year In Review Report

Motion from Mr Peter Fitsimmons that that the Year In Review Report of the Hunter New England Local Health District be adopted. Seconded Professor Trish Davidson. Carried and adopted.

There being no further questions, the meeting was closed at 5.08pm.