



LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Date: Friday 24 November 2023

Time 10:00am – 11.30am

Kununoppin Health Service

Attendees: M Kirby, E O’Connell, S Waters, W Knott, L Parola, B Ryan, J Randall.	Secretariat: Sandra Waters
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Apologies:, F Tarr, A Sachse, R Fagan, J Taylor, P deLacy, J Merrick, S Ventris, M Mc Hugh, P Geraghty.

Visitors:





Cultural Acknowledgement

I respectfully acknowledge and pay my respects to the Aboriginal custodians of the many traditional lands and language groups of Western Australia. We also respectfully acknowledge the wisdom of the past, present and emerging Traditional Owners of this land on which we are meeting today, the Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar Country.


Presentations	Presenter	Time
Nil		

#	Agenda Item Title	Speaker	Papers	Action	Comments
1.0	Welcome and Apologies				
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Apologies • Acknowledgment of Country 	Chair	No	For Noting	
2.0	Review of Minutes & Action Register				
2.1	Previous Minutes dated 22 September 2023  LHAG Meeting Minutes September	Chair	Yes	For approval Moved Eileen O’Connell Seconded Betty Ryan	
3.0	Action Register Items (business arising from previous meeting):				
3.1	CT Scanner Request for Merredin – Report on progress The Information is currently in the gathering progress. Sandra has met with Jacinta and we have started a plan as lots of information has to be accessed to put forward a case.				S Waters
3.3					




3.4					
4.0	New Business				
4.1	Nursing and Midwifery Award finalist Cathine Kirby Marian presented a talk on her daughter's achievements. Eileen moved that we send a congratulations letter to Catherine. Seconded Wally.	M Kirby	no	S Waters J Randall	Add to action register
4.2	Optometrist Visits Kununoppin Eileen moved that a letter be written to the Optometrist to thank them for their service. Seconded Marian Sandra moved that we seek an alternative provider. Seconded Joanne	J Randall	Yes	S Waters J Randall	Add to action register  FW Optome visits .Kununo
4.3	 Nominees Employee Awards D. Award presentation to be held in Narrogin on 7/12/2023 Outstanding work done by nominees explained to members present.	J Randall	Yes	Information	 GLOBAL - Empl Recognition Pr
4.4	J Taylor – resign from membership Joanne moved we send a letter of appreciation for Jim's work. Seconded Marian	E'O'Connell	No	S Waters J Randall	Add to action register
4.5	WACHS Management Nursing Posts- Beacon and Bencubbin Joanne to contact WACHS for an update and maybe an invite to the LHAG for a presentation at the meeting 24/02/2024.	J Randall	Yes	J Randall to request presentation for next meeting	 Nursing Posts Add to action register
4.5	Other/New Business or Late Items	nil			
5.0	Standard Items for Discussion				
5.1	Kununoppin Medical Service Dr Olatunji is providing support to hospital Monday to Thursday each week. Patient / resident rounds each Monday and available for staff to ring after hours when he is in Kununoppin. He will respond to staff calls concerning hospital residents when he is off site. If he is not contactable, Merredin on call doctor or ETS services are used for nursing support.	J Randall	No	Discussion/ Information	



5.2	<p>Kununoppin Health Service Project updates by Commonwealth MPS funding discussed. New floor coverings will come from an alternative funding source. Therapy room will not go ahead but artwork is still being funded. Painters have commenced work in the nursing home area and are painting woodwork and green doors. They will also paint the hospital pharmacy.</p> <p>Hospital Auxiliary are funding garden projects around the hospital – Betty Ryan will discuss in her report.</p>	J Randall	No	Discussion/ Information	
5.3	<p>NEWROC Update Local Shires including Wyalkatchem and Trayning have EOI approved for grant application, for staff accommodation. Survey for Shire of Trayning regarding a Health Plan.</p>	Shire CEO	No	Information / Noting	
5.4	<p>Hospital Auxiliary Successful Fete, thanks to the Volunteers and the Curtin Students. Thanks to the Bendigo bank for extra funding which will go to gardening. Thanks to the Dowerin Workcamp for the mulching and constructing the small garden shed to store the auxiliary gardening tools. Next meeting, Tuesday 20/02/2024</p>	B Ryan	Yes	Information / Noting	See notes attached.
5.5	<p>Eastern DHAC A new member from Bruce Rock is interested in attending. Other LHAGs in the district aren't operating. PEaCE is our overarching body. Some very interesting, PP have come through. Laura Veleff (Mental Health) and Monalyssa Watson teletrials.</p>	S Waters	No	Information / Noting	
5.6	<p>St John Ambulance Eileen reported that they are still very busy. New Paramedic based in Merredin and travelling about in the Eastern Wheatbelt.</p>	P Geraghty	No	Information / Noting	
5.7	<p>Primary Health</p>	Z Ashby-Deering	No	Report next meeting	
5.8					
7.0	Standing Agenda Reports				
7.1	<p>Health Promotion Activities Members given a hard copy of planned clinic dates.</p>		Yes	Information / Noting	 Health Promot Clinics.doc
7.2	<p>ACHS Accreditation</p>	J Randall	No	Nil to report	
7.3	<p>Disability Access and Inclusion Meeting HSM attended meeting yesterday 23/11/23. WACHS-WB using a check list to ensure functions are inclusive for people with disabilities. December 3 is International Day for People with Disabilities. WACHS Action Plan is out of date and slowly progressing toward updating.</p>	J Randall	Yes	Site survey due in 2024	



7.4	Care Opinion Feedback See feedback in attachment. Staff really appreciate feedback via Care Opinion. Encourage community members to use this process if they wish to comment about the care provided by hospital staff.	J Randall	Yes		 Care Opinio Kununoppin.c
7.5	Audits and Clinical Governance Ongoing	J Randall	No	Noting	
7.6	Safety and Risk Report No major risks or incidents to report. Biggest potential risk is the ability to recruit nursing staff. This is a State-wide issue.	J Randall	No	For noting	
7.7					
7.8					
LUNCH 12:00pm					
8.0	Next Meeting	Friday 23 February 2024 Kununoppin Health Service Meeting Room			
	Meeting finished at 11.30				

Hospital Auxiliary Report - Betty Ryan

Meeting 24th Nov Report KDHAC

Successful Fete at Mukinbudin on Sat 7th Oct.

Thankyou to the 9 Curtin Uni Students once again another group of great helpers, to all the volunteers, & to everyone who were able to attend the fete or able to support us in any way.

Donation from Mukinbudin Bendigo Bank \$20,000.

Improving garden areas – Mulching all garden areas.

Morgue garden – water free area – covered with ~~pebble~~ gravel, small & large stones, ornaments.

Upgrading the Atrium.

We are fortunate to have a few ladies that are very keen to design these areas.

Thankyou to the Dowerin Work /camp group for erecting the garden shed, & spreading all the mulch, this was a 3 day project by 5 men.

Our final meeting for the year was at Mukinbudin & AGM Meeting will be at Kununoppin 20th February 2024.

Eastern Wheatbelt Nurses - Recognised.

Brian + my eldest daughter Catherine was born here in Kununoppin in 1966 and has grown up in Beacon. She lives in Kellerberrin and works with Primary and Population Health out of Merredin. She has been working in Murrumbidgee and Midwifery for 35 years - 25 of these with W.A. Country Health Services as a child, community and school health nurse.

This year she was nominated for recognition of Excellence in two different Award Nights and in each case was one of three finalists in her category.

- * The first nomination was with W.A. Rural Health Excellence Awards in the Rural Nurse/Midwife of 2023.

The three finalists were:

- * Jemima Higgins SW Aboriginal Services
- * Cath Kirby Eastern Wheatbelt WACHS
- * Chantelle Peass Karratha - Research project into Rheumatic Heart Disease

The short write up in each case was inspirational, and Cath was placed second in her category - Chantelle the first I think.

- * The second nomination was for 2023 Murrumbidgee and Midwifery Excellence Award in the category of Excellence in Primary Public and Community Care.

The top three nominees were:

- Sandra Vinciguerra - North Metro Health Service - Charles Gardner
- Amanda Whittle - Bunbury W.A.C.H.S.
- Cath Kirby - E. Wheatbelt W.A.C.H.S.

Sandra Vinci Guerra first

Amanda and Bath judged equal second

Much to everyones delight Sandra was also awarded the very prestigious Nurse of the Year Award (overall) Wonderful to see Primary and Community Health recognised by all Health Services.

Bath also asked me to mention that L.H.A.G. groups are able to nominate people from their own area for Awards if they would like to see some one recognised for Excellent performance. Your D.O.N. can help with details.

Randall, Joanne

From: Reception <reception@kunomp.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 20 November 2023 11:32 AM
To: Randall, Joanne
Subject: FW: Optometrist visits

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To: Optometrist on Call <info@optometrisoncall.com.au>
Subject: Optometrist visits

Hi

It is with regret that we have decided we are not going to return to rural visits. This period of down time was to give us time to recover from the hectic years of Covid and also to fully recover from the fallout of contracting Covid, ourselves, earlier this year. Sadly, Iselle's vocal cords have not recovered and she has some residual paralysis, making conversation required for working with patients quite difficult. This may or may not be permanent, but as with many things related to Covid fallout, no one knows. Michael is not happy to continue the service without Iselle's support, which he considers absolutely necessary, so he will be locuming on occasion, in Mundaring (**Mundaring Spectacle Maker, Tel: (08) 9295 3144**) and is happy to offer a service at our home, should anyone be travelling through to Perth and wish to continue seeing Michael, in the Swan Valley, privately. The alternative optometrist we recommend, in **Northern, is Marijana Mihaljevic (Mars), Tel: 08 9621 1131**.

Thank you all for your wonderful support. Your friendly support added to the joy of providing a service in your area.

Kind Regards

Michael & Iselle Browning

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Optometrist On Call 

Mobile Eye Care

About: [Kununoppin Health Service](#)

Posted by [Rabbit69](#) (as the patient), less than an hour ago Tuesday 03/10/2023

Coming up to the wheatbelt area for a holiday in our caravan from Albany I suddenly became unwell and presented myself to the Kununoppin hospital one morning.

The nurses I saw were absolutely wonderful.

They attended to me straight away, made me feel so well looked after and were so caring.

I do apologise to the first two ladies that cared for me on arrival, I didn't get your names as it was staff changeover but I would like to thank you.. 🙏🙏

Shannon was the nurse 🙏 who attended to me after the change over and I feel she was also so lovely such a credit to the hospital...

Thank you so very much ladies.

Your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed..