

Board update

October 2017

At its October 2017 meeting, the Board conducted its routine governance business including finalisation of the Annual Report and the agenda for our [Annual General Meeting](#), to be held on Monday 20 November 2017. We discussed the outcome of the [2017 Members Forum](#) and the planned survey to seek wider feedback on advocacy priorities for the coming year.

Reports from the Acting Chief Executive included information about the work of the Oakden Oversight Committee and its working groups, notably the current consultation on the new model of care. We planned for our first meeting with the new Health Minister; noted arrangements following the resignation of the Chief Psychiatrist Dr Aaron Groves; noted the plans for the Annual General Meeting of the Consumers Health Forum of Australia (our national counterpart, of which we are a member); and approved new and revised policies as part of our comprehensive policy review and development work.

We welcomed eleven new members and formally ratified the appointment of new Board director and sector representative Ms Tina Wakelin. [HCA's Constitution](#) allows for direct appointment by the Board of three 'sector representatives'. With the resignation of sector representative Ms Rachel Earl in August of this year, the Board looked to recruit a new skills-based director and was thrilled that Tina accepted our invitation to bring her rich knowledge, experience and rural community perspectives to the governance of HCA.