

# GP Advisory Committee (GPAC) in Focus

## Highlight – 13 March Meeting

**LHD Whole of Health Program – a discussion.** Brendan Docherty, Director of Operations, NBMLHD, provided an update about the NBMLHD executive restructure and improving opportunities for cross-sector partnering with the PHN, GPs and the community.

- Plans made for the redesign, involving a new governance structure, are to come into effect in the 2018-2019 financial year.
- New positions and structures include a clinical senate “think-tank” and a newly appointed Director of Innovation to facilitate clinical redesign and reform.
- Areas of focus include:
  - new technologies
  - workforce models
  - data-driven and evidence based decision making
  - culture development
  - optimising emergency treatment
  - maintaining good elective surgery access
  - tertiary services development

Advice was sought about how to make the new program sustainable.

GP feedback included:

- The multifaceted and complex nature of the task ahead for NBMLHD
- That new outpatient clinics should not be based in the gridlock of busy tertiary hospitals, but be integrated into local settings in order to better interface with the community (with a focus on preventing readmissions).

Ideas to support GPs included:

- GP representation at the proposed clinical senate and other associated working groups
- That practising GPs in the Nepean Blue Mountains region be involved at all stages of the design process.