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## Wentworth Healthcare welcomes new Board Director

Wentworth Healthcare, provider of the Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network, is pleased to welcome new Board Director Ms Janja Bojanic to the Board.

Ms Bojanic is an accomplished registered psychologist, manager and Board Approved Supervisor with over 10 years of clinical and leadership experience. She has extensive experience working across various sectors including the corporate, private, and hospital settings and is driven by a passion for excellence and a commitment to improving mental health and wellbeing for those in the community.

Ms Bojanic said she was drawn to the Board position at Wentworth Healthcare as she is always looking for meaningful ways to give back to the community and felt that joining the Wentworth Healthcare Board was a way to do that.

"I want to be able to share my knowledge, expertise and energy in a way that can benefit others. I am a strong advocate for collaborating with multidisciplinary care and consumer engagement to enhance care and treatment outcomes. Learning about the ethos, vision and strategy this Board has really aligned with my own core values of giving back and serving the community," she said.

Throughout her career, Ms Bojanic has worked with complex clinical presentations, facilitating both inpatient and outpatient programs. She has a particular passion for working with military and first responder communities and occupational trauma.

"I've always thought I could never do that job. The impacts of these roles on an individual's mental health can often be profound and debilitating. They join a job of community service and take on roles and responsibilities which often show them the worst of people, and despite being exposed to such terrible things, they show up, they commit, and they do things that are so brave and selfless," she said.

Having worked in the Hawkesbury area for seven years, she has a strong understanding of the ongoing challenges and benefits of living in the Nepean Blue Mountains region.

"In the Hawkesbury, I was able to help people in the aftermath of the ongoing natural disasters, floods and bushfires over the years, and have seen just how impactful these events were on the mental health of those in the community, the first responders who go in and assist in the clean-up, the impact to the environment and wildlife," said Ms Bojanic.

"I could not commend these individuals more on the work they do to serve our community. I have always found myself drawn to serve those who serve the community, who would show up in my own time of need if ever I needed it," she said.

Wentworth Healthcare Board Chair, Mr Gary Smith AM, said Ms Bojanic's extensive experience in addition to her local expertise will bring valuable insights to the Board.

"One of our strengths as an organisation is our local governance. Involving individuals who are knowledgeable and invested in the health outcomes of our region and giving them the ability to shape the direction of our organisation," said Mr Smith.



"A key priority area for Primary Health Networks is to improve access to community-based mental health services by funding services that address gaps and meet the needs of the population and the local region."

"Ms Bojanic's deep understanding of the mental health landscape and challenges faced in our region will bring another important local perspective to our Board, helping support our continued growth and long-term success," he said.

"Ms Bojanic will also serve on our Clinical Governance Board Sub-Committee where her commitment to excellence and in-depth knowledge of complex clinical needs will be a valuable addition," said Mr Smith.

Mr Smith also acknowledged outgoing Board Director, Mr Jeffrey Jenkins, who resigned in September 2024 due to health issues after serving over two years as a Director.

"We extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to Mr Jenkins for his valuable contribution to the Board and our organisation during his time with us. His skills and expertise will be missed," he said.

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