

MEDIA RELEASE

FAREWELL WALTER KMET, CEO

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In early March 2019, WentWest's CEO of seven years, Walter Kmet, will be leaving WentWest to take up a new role as CEO of Macquarie University Hospital and Clinical Services.

While staying true to WentWest's longstanding mission and values, Walter's leadership has been characterised by relationships forged through consultation, collaboration and partnerships underpinned by evidence-based co-design.

He has taken a lead role in western Sydney and beyond in key areas including cross sector data collation and analysis, system re-design and the evolution of integrated care, e-Health, general practice stewardship, practice transformation and continuing quality improvement.

With Walter at the helm, the scope and depth of WentWest operations have steadily increased, while at the same time, WentWest as the Western Sydney Primary Health Network, has continued to meet and exceed its contractual obligations to the Commonwealth and other agencies.

Commitment to the principles of the Patient Centred Medical Home and the Health Care Neighbourhood have been central to Walter's – and WentWest's work, as the health care system gradually re-aligns itself away from volume towards value, and away from fragmentation towards a more integrated approach based on value for money and the needs of individuals and communities.

WentWest's Board and staff members are committed to continuing this leadership role, with the contributions of our PHN colleagues, western Sydney partners, Clinical and Consumer Council members and General Practice Leaders remaining central to these endeavours.

The WentWest Board thanks Walter for his outstanding contribution to western Sydney, to WentWest and to health system reform, and wishes him the very best in his future new and challenging role. The Board has commenced a search for his successor.

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WentWest would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Nation Peoples and the Traditional Custodians of this land. We value their culture, identity, and continuing connection to country, waters, kin and community. We would like to acknowledge and give our respect to Elders past, present and future. We are committed to making a valued contribution to the wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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