

## **SHI Board Communiqué – August 2023**

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**The SHI Board met on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2023 and discussed the following matters:**

### Board Chair – topics for discussion

- The Chair welcomed Board members and provided an update on Board and Chair succession planning.

### Major partnership

- Board members discussed the Institute's long-standing partnership with Melbourne Pathology, noting the invaluable support Melbourne Pathology provided for SHI education, research, and member engagement activities.
- The Board discussed Melbourne Pathology's expert capabilities in skin pathology, and their essential contribution to the Institute's clinical outcomes and dermatology care across Victoria.

### Clinical activity

- The Board was pleased to note the steady increase in surgical activity and theatre occupancy over the year to date. It was noted that the Institute's existing credentialled surgeons were driving this growth.
- The Board noted that subspecialty clinic activity was down in July, due to the large number of dermatologists being away at the World Congress of Dermatology in Singapore.

### Operational updates

- The Board were pleased to receive an update on plans to undertake a Practice Modernisation project, to address longstanding limitations with SHI's practice systems, processes, and practice management software. A baseline review will inform a plan to deliver best practice in administration, patient engagement, and clinician support.

### Sub-committee reports – Finance, Audit and Risk Management committee

- The FARM chair briefed the Board on year-to-date performance compared to budget.
- The Board discussed the Financial Sustainability Plan and noted the uplift in financial performance over the last quarter of 2022-23.

**Approved by A/Prof Rosemary Nixon AM, Chair of the SHI Board**