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NEW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced new appointments to the boards of the state's 15 Local Health Districts.

Mrs Skinner thanked the outgoing members of the boards as well as the outgoing board chairs of the Murrumbidgee, Southern NSW, Far West NSW and Northern NSW Local Health Districts for their commitment and efforts to achieve the best care for patients in their regions.

"More than three years ago, as part of my pledge to reform this state's health system, I promised to devolve responsibility and accountability to those closer to the patient, such as Local Health District board members," Mrs Skinner said.

"Today's announcement of new board chairs and members reflects the NSW Government's commitment to ensure improved patient care and more effective management of our state's hospitals."

The new board chairs are:

- Gayle Murphy – Murrumbidgee LHD
- Jennifer Symons – Southern NSW LHD
- Thomas Hynes – Far West NSW LHD
- Dr Brian Pezzutti – Northern NSW LHD

"The appointment of 97 new and reappointed board members, selected from a pool of more than 300 highly-experienced applicants, will continue to strengthen the state's Local Health District boards.

"Our new board appointments include clinicians and passionate community representatives who are focused on delivering the best health services for patients closer to home.

"I really am delighted with the quality of our continuing board chairs and members and the progress they have made in putting our state's patients first.

"Local Health District boards are a key part of our health system and they have a big job ahead of them, with substantial growth in their budgets to deliver more emergency and elective surgery services than ever before.

“I congratulate the new board chairs and members on their appointment and thank the outgoing chairs and members for their dedication over the past year to improve patient care across the state,” Mrs Skinner said.

The Local Health District board appointments are effective from 1 January 2013.

For more information on board chairs and members, please visit your Local Health District website.