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Islander Health Practice  
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Chiropractic  
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Medical Radiation Practice  
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Pharmacy  
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Podiatry  
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

## Agency Management Committee Communiqué

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April 2018

The 96<sup>th</sup> meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday 17 April 2018 in Melbourne. This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

### **NSW Registration Update**

Members noted the update on New South Wales medical registration applications.

Ms Ayscough reported that weekly updates are regularly being provided to the Chairs of the Regulatory Performance Committee, the MBA and the NSW Board of the MBA. The overall number of outstanding applications has reduced. This has been consistent over the past four weeks and represents what would be considered 'business as usual' application numbers now being managed.

Stakeholder forums are being held in late April in NSW in preparation for the midyear graduate intake and to engage stakeholders more widely, work has also occurred across all AHPRA offices to ensure that available performance data reports are being appropriately used by managers to actively manage workflows and to ensure early identification of any emerging issues.

Ms Ayscough advised members that data reports are produced for each office/cluster so there is visibility of performance nationally.

### **Report of the Accreditation Advisory Committee**

Members noted the verbal report from the Chair on the first meeting of the Agency Management Committee's Accreditation Advisory Committee on 10 April 2018.

### **Equity and Cost Allocation Reference Group: Communiqué**

Members noted the unconfirmed Communiqué of the 27 March 2018 meeting of the Equity and Cost Allocation Working Group. Ms Yeoh, Chair of the Reference Group reported on good progress and engagement from Board representatives.

### **CEO Report**

Members noted the written report and the verbal update from Mr Fletcher, including:

- WA Parliament has passed the legislation to enable Tranche 1 amendments to the National Law.
- The COAG Health Council has approved the registration standards for Paramedicine. AHPRA has established a working group with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and the Paramedicine Board of Australia to further consider requirements for health practitioners who hold dual registration for Nursing/ Midwifery and Paramedicine.
- The COAG Health Council has decided a policy direction on mandatory reporting amendments in relation to treating practitioners.
- A meeting with Ms Elizabeth Koff, Director General, NSW Ministry of Health and Chair of the AHMAC Health Services Principal Committee (HSPC) about linkages between the HSPC and the AHPRA Jurisdictional Advisory Committee.
- A recent liaison meeting with the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care.

The Chair thanked Mr Fletcher for his report.

Mr Ian Smith reported briefly on a recent study tour to the USA and the positive view of the National Scheme among stakeholders.

### **Business items**

In other business items, the Committee:

- Members approved Ms Sue Gould (Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia) as the National Board community member appointment to the Accreditation Advisory Committee.
- Members approved AHPRA's first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for submission to Reconciliation Australia for their official endorsement.
- Members approved a Committee Review questionnaire to be undertaken in July 2018. Members commended the value of the Forum of NRAS Chairs undertaking its own effectiveness review at an appropriate time.
- Members received a presentation on the Professional Practice Strategy resulting from the Notifications Think Tank that was held in mid 2017. Members provided comment on the importance of clarity and measures of desired outcomes; the processes for how we systemise and quantify risk, and; the important role of the health complaints entities.
- Members noted the update for the budget 2018/19.
- Members noted the correspondence from the Chair of the AManC to the Chair of the Legislation Committee providing feedback on a second tranche (Tranche 2) of proposals for amendment to the National Law.
- Members attended the Strategic Risk Workshop that followed the meeting.

### **Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee**

- 15 May 2018, AHPRA Canberra Office