

## Ahpra Board communiqué

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### April 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 18 April 2023 in a hybrid capacity with some members attending face-to-face in Melbourne and others by videoconference. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

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

### CEO report

Members noted the CEO report highlighting:

- media coverage of work on practitioner stress and distress
- recognition of Ahpra National Legal Practice
- update on cosmetic surgery actions
- Ahpra response to the NHPO budget submission to HCEF
- first national meet up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the National Scheme

The Board received a presentation on the National Cabinet review of regulatory settings and other reviews from the CEO.

### Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- endorsed the Ahpra budget endorsement 2023-24
- approved the Transformation Program cost allocation
- approved the appointment of Associate Professor Carmen Parter to the Accreditation Committee
- approved updates to the Accreditation Committee charter to add cultural safety and the elimination of racism for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as a priority in the Committee's reform agenda
- noted the COVID 19 vaccination policy review
- approved the annual review and recommendation for sitting fees and stipends for National Boards
- noted the final form of proposed guidance in respect of the Public Statement power for insertion into the Regulatory Guide
- approved amendments to the Instrument of delegation and authorisation made by the Ahpra Board in relation to the power to issue public statements and to make a disclosure
- endorsed the introduction of mandatory criteria for applicants for appointment to all Boards
- noted the strategic reporting update
- noted the strategic initiative and portfolio report for Q2 2022-23
- noted the Health Profession Agreement report 1 - 2022/23
- noted the scheduled review of accreditation arrangements

Members also participated in a discussion on The Voice led by Associate Professor Carmen Parter.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 16 May 2023.