

Ahpra Board communiqué

June 2024

The <u>Ahpra Board</u> met on 18 June 2024 in Melbourne. Some Board members joined this meeting virtually. 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:

- Formal announcement of the Independent Reviewer Ms Sue Dawson to lead the Complexity Review
- Correspondence to Minister Butler regarding family, domestic and sexual violence training in the registered health practitioner workforce
- Joint Ahpra and National Boards submission to the consultation on Issues Paper 2 for the Unleashing the potential of our health workforce: scope of practice review being led by Professor Mark Cormack
- A recent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia stakeholder workshop looking at issues and challenges for the profession
- Ahpra working group established on the review of registration fees for parental leave

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- considered and noted a range of options in relation to the review of the regulatory complexity of the NRAS
- received a detailed presentation on the progress of the Transformation Program
- noted the progress of the income diversification strategy business case
- noted the performance snapshot for the November 2023 accreditation authority reports
- approved the Ahpra operating and capital expenditure budgets FY 2024/25
- agreed to National Board's budgets, and fees (all of which are within indexation of 3-4%) for inclusion in the Health Profession Agreement (HPA's) FY 2024/25
- approved the Materiality policy
- approved the interim management framework
- approved the revised charter for the Rapid Regulatory Response Oversight Group
- approved the final Health Profession Agreement Report 2023-24
- noted the one-year progress report on implementation of the EAG recommendations from the work on minimising practitioner distress.

Members also received a comprehensive presentation on the work of the Accreditation Committee from the Chair, Professor Andrew Wilson AM.

Next meeting

On Monday 22 July 2024, the Ahpra Board will meet for a special virtual meeting focusing on the outcomes of the extensive program of work on cosmetic surgery, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander anti-racism policy and the complexity review.

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