

Ahpra Board communiqué

November 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 14 November 2023 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:

- Launch of the consumer complaints checklist
- Transcript of the CEO recent appearance at Senate Estimates and topics raised
- New MoU with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission
- Significant ACT Tribunal outcome in relation to racist conduct
- Positive feedback on the NRAS Combined Meeting.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- noted VAGO's management letter for 2022/23
- approved the preliminary Ahpra budget assumptions FY2024/25 to allow budget planning to progress with each National Board
- approved a number of increases in financial administrative authorisations
- approved the 2022/23 Modern slavery statement
- approved the amendments to the capital expenditure recognition policy
- approved the FY 2022/23 Annual reports for all Board committees
- noted the status and outcomes of the annual review of Committee charters
- approved the revised Ahpra procedures for developing and/or revising codes, guidelines and registration standards and Procedures for developing and/or revising accreditation standards
- noted the strategic initiative and project portfolio report Q1 2023/24
- noted the draft Health Safety and Wellbeing Management System Framework and planned consultation from 20 November to 1 December 2023

Members received a presentation from the Chair of the Pharmacy Board Australia providing an update on the current challenges facing the profession and an update on the issues around medical cannabis prescribing.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 12 December 2023.