

## Ahpra Board communiqué

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### December 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 12 December 2023 face to face in Melbourne. 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:

- emerging themes from the consultation on the criminal history review
- recent media coverage on the regulation of podiatric surgeons
- public consultation opened on strengthened multi-profession guidance on non-surgical cosmetic procedures
- ongoing liaison with NSW Ministry of Health re paramedic registration renewal issues
- announcement of second testing site for internationally qualified nurses and midwives.

### Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- approved the draft National Scheme research and evaluation strategy 2024-29
- approved the Research and evaluation ethics policy
- considered a proposed strategic planning process 2024
- requested a change in the National Scheme Research and Evaluation Strategy 2024-29 to reflect the elimination of racism
- received a presentation on the National Boards effectiveness review (year 2) thematic report
- noted the Ahpra Board work program 2024
- noted the 2023 Medical training survey outcomes.

Members received a comprehensive presentation from the National Health Practitioner Ombudsman (NHPO) on the NHPO Annual Report 2022-23.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 13 February 2024.