



## Agency Management Committee communiqué

### May 2019

The 109th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 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.

### Chair's report

Members acknowledged the decision of Executive Director, Business Services Sarndrah Horsfall to leave AHPRA and thanked her for her contributions to modernising systems and technology for AHPRA and strengthening processes for financial planning.

Members noted the verbal report from the Chair, highlighting:

1. Discussions with the Victorian Health Minister and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services respectively and follow up actions
2. Charing the Accreditation Advisory Committee meeting on 14 May 2019.

### CEO report

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

1. Advice to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services that AHPRA would be willing to host the Code of Conduct website, noting that appropriate arrangements will need to be finalised.
2. A joint workshop held between AHPRA and Ms Richelle McCausland, National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner. Discussions focused on strategies to make the interface between the NHPO and AHPRA more efficient and effective.
3. Update on the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety:
  - a. Issues in regards to prescribing in aged care settings raised during the public hearings
  - b. a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner
  - c. Mr Graeme Head, NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Commissioner, presented via Skype at the Forum of NRAS Chairs meeting on their work and discussed possible opportunities for linkages with the National Scheme. AHPRA is exploring a follow up workshop.
4. The landmark decision involving the conviction of a suspended physiotherapist, Mr Dempsey for knowingly holding out other people as registered occupational therapists and registered physiotherapists, at various aged care facilities in Tasmania.
5. Following amendments to the National Law to make certain offences indicatable, AHPRA's Statutory Offences Unit will transition to reflect its changed scope. Changes have been made to ensure there is a commensurate level of rigour to the unit's operation now that charges can be brought against persons that, if successful, could result in imprisonment. The changes have been made in consultation with the Department of Prosecutions in each jurisdiction.

### Business items

In other business items, the Committee:

1. noted the Social research project and the options on visual branding
2. provided feedback on the Strategy Review 2019 and noted the Q3 Strategy Performance Report
3. noted the status of the eight strategic risk themes and their associated mitigation initiatives.

### Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

18 June 2019, in Perth

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