

Ahpra Board communiqué

August 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 24 August 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:

- commencement of public consultation on the review of Criminal History Registration Standard
- deferral of commencement of final Tranche 2 legislative amendments
- update on Independent Review of Practitioner Regulatory Settings (Kruk Review)
- first meeting of reconstituted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy Group.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- adopted the 2022-23 audited financial statements
- approved the Internal audit plan 2023-24 and three-year rolling plan 2024-26
- noted the Financial management report FY 2022-23
- approved the appointment of members to the Accreditation Committee
- noted the updates to National Scheme Engagement Strategy 2020-25
- noted an update on the implementation of the regulatory intelligence function
- noted a briefing on Ahpra use of consultants and contractors.

Members were provided with a presentation on the Implementation and evaluation of a trauma informed approach providing targeted support during sexual boundary notifications to improve the experience of the notifier by assisting them to remain engaged and reducing further harm in the process. This program was initiated 2021 to provide additional support for notifiers and witnesses involved in a sexual boundary notification and aims to support a humane experience and engagement for participants and support staff by focusing on emotional and process support to victim survivors.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 19 September 2023.