



Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

HEALTH MINISTERS ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENTS TO NATIONAL BOARDS FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION SCHEME

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council is very pleased to announce today the appointment of the 108 inaugural members of the ten national boards for the new National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions. The appointments are made under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008*. The appointments are made at this stage to enable the national boards to begin preparatory work for the commencement of the new national scheme on 1 July 2010.

In making the appointments, Ministers took into account the feedback they received on the size and composition of the boards. Ministers revisited their decision of 8 May 2009 and decided that six of the boards should be expanded to include eight practitioner members and four community members each. This enables a practitioner member from each of the eight jurisdictions to be members of these boards.

The six boards to be expanded from nine to twelve members are: Dental Board of Australia, Medical Board of Australia, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, Pharmacy Board of Australia, Physiotherapy Board of Australia and Psychology Board of Australia. In addition, Ministers decided that the practitioner members of the Dental Board of Australia would comprise five dentists, one dental therapist, one dental hygienist and one dental prosthetist.

To underline the independence of an external accrediting authority, Ministers have decided that the chair of a national board cannot also be a member of the board of an independent accrediting authority and the chair of an independent accrediting authority cannot also be a member of a national board.

Ministers were delighted with the response to the press advertisement for candidates issued on 16 May 2009. A total of 370 candidates were nominated or put themselves forward. Ministers were pleased to see the strong field of candidates for both the practitioner and community members.

The details of the 108 statutory appointments are set out in the attachment to this communiqué. Ministers particularly welcomed the ten Chairs of the new boards to their appointments.

Ministers consider that with these appointments the new scheme will be in good hands. Among the 72 practitioner members, there are 66 people who are currently on State and Territory registration boards, with 39 of these being current Chairs of those boards. Among the 36 community members, 34 are currently on State and Territory registration boards.

Ministers were particularly pleased to note that there are 19 practitioner members and eight community members who live in a rural or regional area. Of the 72 practitioner members, 44 are members with education and training expertise, and of the total of 108 members, 51 are male and 57 are female.

Ministers welcomed the board members to their new roles and wished them well over the coming years in building and strengthening the new national arrangements for the benefit of the whole Australian community.

31 August 2009

Appointments made to the national boards for health professions by resolution of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008 (Queensland)* on 10 August 2009

Chiropractic Board of Australia

Mrs Esther Alter	Appointed as a community member
Dr Stephen Crean	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Dr Phillip Donato	Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from South Australia
Dr Graham (Bevan) Goodreid	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Peter Groves	Appointed as a community member
Dr Geoffrey Irvine	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Dr Amanda-Jane Kimpton	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Dr Mark McEwan	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Ms Margaret Wolf	Appointed as a community member

Dental Board of Australia

Ms Susan Aldenhoven	Appointed as a practitioner member (dental hygienist) from South Australia
Mrs Jennifer Bishop	Appointed as a practitioner member (dental therapist) from Queensland
Dr Carmelo Bonnano	Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the ACT
Dr Gerard Condon	Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from Victoria
Mr Stephen Herrick	Appointed as a community member
Mr Paul House	Appointed as a practitioner member (dental prosthetist) from Tasmania
Dr Mark Leedham	Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the Northern Territory
Dr John Lockwood	Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member (dentist) from New South Wales
Mr Peter Martin	Appointed as a community member
Mr Michael Miceli	Appointed as a community member
Dr John Owen	Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from Western Australia
Mrs Myra Pincott	Appointed as a community member

Medical Board of Australia

Professor Belinda Bennett	Appointed as a community member
Dr Stephen Bradshaw	Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Dr Erica (Mary) Cohn	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Ms Prudence Ford	Appointed as a community member
Dr Joanna Flynn	Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Victoria

Dr Fiona Joske	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Dr Charles Kilburn	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory
Mr Paul Laris	Appointed as a community member
Professor Ken (Mark) McKenna	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Dr Trevor Mudge	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Ms Sophia Panagiotidis	Appointed as a community member
Associate Professor Peter Procopis	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Ms Gillie Anderson	Appointed as a community member
Ms Angela Brannelly	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse and midwife) from the Northern Territory
Professor Elizabeth (Mary) Chiarella	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from New South Wales
Ms Anne Copeland	Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member (registered nurse and midwife) from Queensland
Dr Lynette Cusack	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from South Australia
Professor Denise Fassett	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Tasmania
Mrs Lynne Geri	Appointed as a practitioner member (enrolled nurse) from Victoria
Ms Louise Horgan	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Western Australia
Ms Mary Kirk	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse and midwife) from the ACT
Dr Christine Murphy	Appointed as a community member
Ms Heather Sjoberg	Appointed as a community member
Ms Margaret Winn	Appointed as a community member

Optometry Board of Australia

Mr Ian Bluntish	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Mr John Davis	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Ms Judith Dikstein	Appointed as a community member
Ms Jane Duffy	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Mr Derek Fails	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Mr Garry Fitzpatrick	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Ms Peta Frampton	Appointed as a community member
Mr Lawson Lobb	Appointed as a community member
Mr Colin Waldron	Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Queensland

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Dr Melissa Coulter	Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Ms Helen Egan	Appointed as a community member
Mr Robert Fendall	Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from New South Wales
Ms Amanda Heyes	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Dr Luke Rickards	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Dr Natalie Rutsche	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Ms Karen Stott	Appointed as a community member
Adjunct Professor Philip Tehan	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Ms Belinda Webster	Appointed as a community member

Pharmacy Board of Australia

Mrs Rachel Carr	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Trevor Draysey	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Ms Mary Edwards	Appointed as a community member
Mr John Finlay	Appointed as a community member
Ms Laila Hakansson Ware	Appointed as a community member
Mr Ian Huett	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Mr William Kelly	Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Mr Stephen Marty	Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Victoria
Mr Timothy Logan	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Mr Gerard McInerney	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Ms Karen O'Keefe	Appointed as a community member
Ms Bhavini Patel	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory

Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Ms Alison Bell	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Mr Tim Benson	Appointed as a community member
Dr Susan Brady	Appointed as a community member
Ms Anne Deans	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Dr Charles Flynn	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Mrs Kathryn Grudzinskas	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Mrs Elizabeth Kosmala	Appointed as a community member
Ms Joanne Muller	Appointed as a community member
Ms Karen Murphy	Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Mr Glenn Ruscoe	Appointed as a Chair and practitioner member from Western Australia

Mr Paul Shinkfield Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Ms Philippa Tessmann Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory

Podiatry Board of Australia

Mr Ebenezer Banful Appointed as a community member
Associate Professor Laurie Foley Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Mark Gilheany Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter Appointed as a community member
Ms Catherine Loughry Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Ms Helen Matthews Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Ms Margaret (Joan) Russell Appointed as a community member
Dr Paul Tinley Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Mr Jason Warnock Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Queensland

Psychology Board of Australia

Professor Alfred Allan Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Ms Antonia Dunne Appointed as a community member
Ms Kaye Frankcom Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Mr Geoff Gallas Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Professor Gina Geffen Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Dr Shirley Grace Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory
Associate Professor Brin Grenyer Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from New South Wales
Mrs Irene Hancock Appointed as a community member
Ms Fiona McLeod Appointed as a community member
Mr Christopher O'Brien Appointed as a community member
Ms Ann Stark Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Mr Radomir Stratil Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia