



COAG Health Council

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Communiqué

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Health Ministers announce National Board appointments

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) is very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner members and community members to fill vacancies arising across 12 National Boards regulating health professions under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the national scheme).

The Ministerial Council's appointments are made under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory and are consistent with the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) - endorsed *National Board Member Succession Planning Principles*.

The vacancies are primarily a result of the scheduled triennial expiry of terms for Chairs, practitioner members and community members appointed to National Boards by the Ministerial Council in 2012. Other vacancies on National Boards have also been filled through this process. The vacancies were advertised in the press and on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National Board recruitment website last year.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the **attachment** to this communiqué. There are three appointments on the National Boards that will be announced in the coming weeks once the current process is finalised.

Health Ministers thanked all health practitioners and members of the community who took the time to apply. Overall, 400 applications were received for 102 vacancies - 198 for 65 practitioner member vacancies and 202 for 37 community member vacancies.

The triennial appointment process provides an opportunity for renewal across the membership of National Boards. Renewal provides an opportunity for new members to be introduced to bring new perspectives to the regulatory work of the boards and the national scheme. But with renewal, comes change. Ministers wished to acknowledge all outgoing board members and thanked them for their significant efforts during their terms of appointment; some from when they were first appointed as inaugural members in 2009.

In particular, Ministers wished to thank outgoing Chairs of the Pharmacy Board of Australia and the Optometry Board of Australia for their leadership, dedication and contributions to the national scheme. In 2009, Mr Stephen Marty was appointed as the inaugural Pharmacy Board Chair and practitioner member from Victoria, and Mr Colin Waldron was appointed as the inaugural Chair and practitioner member from Queensland on the Optometry Board of Australia. Ministers wish Mr Marty and Mr Waldron all the best for their future endeavours.

Ministers welcomed Mr William Kelly and Mr Ian Bluntish to their new roles as Chairs of the Pharmacy Board of Australia and the Optometry Board of Australia respectively. Their succession to these leadership roles reflects the depth and breadth of their skills and experience, including those gained serving on the respective boards as inaugural practitioner members from the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia respectively since 2009.

Finally, a warm welcome was extended to all new members and returning Chairs and members. Ministers thanked them for expressing their interest in, and commitment to, the principles of the national scheme and the regulation of health practitioners in the public interest and wished them well over the coming years with their important regulatory roles.

Health Ministers are confident that these appointments strike the right balance between retaining expertise from experienced board members and bringing the perspectives and experience of new members to the ongoing functions of the board. Ministers trust that their announcement of these appointments today will support a smooth transition for incoming and outgoing members, while ensuring that the National Boards continue to exercise their functions efficiently and effectively.

The advertised vacancy for a practitioner member from a small jurisdiction the Northern Territory (NT), or the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), or Tasmania (TAS) on the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia was not able to be filled through this round and has been readvertised.

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Chiropractic Board of Australia

Mrs Ailsa Wood (Patterson)	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Dr G Bevan Goodreid	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Dr Anna Ryan	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Dr Michael Badham	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mr Frank Ederle	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Ms Anne Burgess	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 7 May 2015 (second term)
Mrs Barbara Kent	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 7 May 2015 (second term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website:
<http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/>

Dental Board of Australia

Dr John Lockwood, AM	Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member (dentist) from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Prof Paul Abbott	Reappointed as a practitioner member (dental specialist) from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mrs Jennifer Bishop	Reappointed as a practitioner member (oral health therapist) from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Dr Sajeev Koshy	Appointed as a practitioner member (dental specialist) from Victoria from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Ms Susan Aldenhoven, AM	Reappointed as a practitioner member (dental hygienist) from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Dr Murray Thomas	Reappointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Dr Kate Raymond	Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mr Paul House	Reappointed as a practitioner member (dental prosthetist) from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Alison von Bibra	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Ms Alison Faigniez	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mr Robin Brown	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mrs Kim Jones	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)

Medical Board of Australia

Dr Joanna Flynn, AM	Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Prof Constantine ‘Con’ Michael, AO	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Prof Anne Tonkin	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Assoc Prof Stephen Adelstein	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Dr Stephen Bradshaw	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Dr Samuel Goodwin	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Dr Fiona Joske	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mr Mark Bodycoat	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term; was appointed to Podiatry Board)
Ms F Michelle Wright	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Prof Belinda Bennett	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Prudence Ford	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)

Note: The vacancy for a practitioner member from Queensland is being filled through a separate process which is in train.

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Dr Lynette Cusack	Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member (registered nurse) from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mrs Jennifer Wood	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse, registered midwife) from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Ms Melodie Heland	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 1 June 2015 (first term)
Ms Annette Symes	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mr Christopher Helms	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse – nurse practitioner) from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Prof Denise Fassett	Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Angela Brannelly	Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse, registered midwife) from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mr Max Howard	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mrs Allyson Warrington	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Ms Nicoletta Ciffolilli	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Ms Margaret Winn	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

Ms Louise Johnson

Reappointed as a community member for a period of three years from
7 May 2015 (second term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website:
<http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au>

Optometry Board of Australia

Mr Ian Bluntish	Appointed as Chair and reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term; first term Chair)
Ms Jane Duffy, OAM	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Dr Ann Webber	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mr Derek Fails	Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mr Garry Fitzpatrick	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Assoc Prof Daryl Guest	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Ms Adrienne Farago	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mr Anthony Evans	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Assoc Prof Rosemary Knight	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Dr Nikole Grbin	Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Dr Natalie Rutsche	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Adjunct Assoc Prof Philip Tehan	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms H Liza Newby	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mr Robert McGregor, AM	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Ms Judith Dikstein	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website:
<http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/>

Pharmacy Board of Australia

Mr William Kelly	Appointed as Chair and reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term; first term Chair)
Ms Joy Hewitt	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mr Brett Simmonds	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mrs Rachel Carr	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mr Laurence (Ben) Wilkins	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mr Trevor Draysey	Reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Bhavini Patel	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mr Mark Kirschbaum	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Dr Katherine 'Katie' Sloper	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mr Michael Piu	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Ms Karen O'Keefe	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)

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Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Mr Paul Shinkfield	Reappointed as Chair and as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Alison Bell	Reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mr David Cross	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Dr Charles Flynn	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Adjunct Assoc Prof Kim Gibson	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Ms Cherie Hearn	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Ms Elizabeth 'Libby' Trickett	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mrs Philippa 'Pippa' Tessman	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mrs Lynette Green	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mrs Janet 'Jenny' Blake	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mrs Elizabeth Kosmala, OAM	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mr Peter Kerr, AM	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)

Podiatry Board of Australia

Mrs Catherine ‘Cathy’ Loughry	Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Dr Paul Bennett	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
To be announced	New practitioner member from Western Australia
Dr Cylie Williams	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Assoc Prof Paul Tinley	Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Mrs Kathryn ‘Kate’ Storer	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mr Ebenezer Banful	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Ann Herriot	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 4 May 2015 (first term)
Dr Janice Davies	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)

Psychology Board of Australia

Prof Brin Grenyer	Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Rachel Phillips	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Prof Alfred Allan	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Assoc Prof Kathryn von Treuer	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
Mr Radomir "Radek" Stratil	Reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)
Ms Vanessa Hamilton	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (first term)
To be announced	New practitioner member from the Northern Territory
Ms Marion Hale	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 May 2015 (first term)
Ms Joanne Muller	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Ms Mary Brennan	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (second term)
Mr Christopher O'Brien	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 31 August 2015 (third term)

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