

Ahpra Board communiqué

August 2024

On Thursday 22 August 2024, the [Ahpra Board](#) met for a shortened meeting face to face in Melbourne. This meeting was held offsite as the Ahpra Melbourne office is currently closed.

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

Strategic issues and matters to highlight in the CEO report included:

- publication of an article on the evaluation of the Notifier Support Service in *BMJ Open*
- timing of next tranche of amendments to the National Law
- publication of final report on joint work on consumer complaints with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
- update on areas of focus for our work on regulatory intelligence
- progress update on fee policy review.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- approved the National Scheme financial statements FY 2023/24
- noted the year-on-year movements in financial performance and position FY 2023/24
- noted the Ahpra final signed VAGO closing report 30 June 2024
- approved the Corporate Assurance Plan, inclusive of the FY25 internal audit plan and three-year rolling plan
- authorised the CEO to execute a new agreement with the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
- approved a number of reappointments and one new appointment on the Accreditation Committee
- approved the revised Terms of Reference: Board Governance Program Steering Committee
- noted an expression of interest is underway to nominate and appoint National Board Chairs and National Board members (one of which is a community member) to the Steering Committee
- noted the approach to the Health Profession Agreement (HPA) head agreement review for 2025

Discussion items

The progression of the Dawson Review was discussed with members noting the Dawson Review presents an opportunity to shape the future of the National Scheme and simplify regulation for the benefit of the public and practitioners. Another workshop is planned for 9 September 2024 to continue discussion with National Board Chairs.

Next meeting

The Ahpra Board will next meet virtually on 17 September 2024.