

Ahpra Board communiqué

July 2024

On Monday 22 July 2024, the [Ahpra Board](#) met for a special virtual meeting focusing on the outcomes of the extensive program of work on cosmetic surgery, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander anti-racism policy and the complexity review.

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.

Cosmetic surgery

The Cosmetic Surgery Oversight Group (Oversight Group) was established by the Ahpra Board to provide independent and objective review, advice and assurance to the Board, the community, governments, and professional stakeholders that Ahpra and the Medical Board are appropriately implementing the recommendations of the Independent review of the Regulation of medical practitioners who perform cosmetic surgery.

The Ahpra Board appointed Ms Delia Rickard PSM as Chair of the Oversight Group in December 2022 and she provided a summation of the work of the Oversight Group.

The Board were pleased to hear that all the recommendations are either now complete, embedded in Ahpra and the Medical Board's ongoing work, or remain subject to work being led by other entities.

Ahpra engaged [Operation Redress](#) to support the work of the Cosmetic Surgery Enforcement Unit. They attended the meeting to share their reflection on the last 2 years and what they see to be the issues ahead for the cosmetic surgery sector.

Anti-racism policies

Members were provided with an overview of the development of two anti-racism policies focussing on the lived experiences of workers from both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and; people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and the planned progression to consultation.

Complexity review

Members noted the updated options matrix, which now links each theme to the review's terms of reference and that Ahpra has conducted a comprehensive analysis of past review recommendations that have not been implemented. Further it was noted that Ahpra Board and Forum of NRAS Chairs have a joint meeting on 1 August which will consider the review with a proposed focus on stewardship and each National Board will have discussions to identify opportunities to streamline their respective committees during their July meetings, and bring feedback to the 1 August meeting.

Next meeting

The Ahpra Board will next meet in Melbourne on 22 August 2024.