

Ahpra Board communiqué

September 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 19 September 2023 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:

- successful media strategy to mark the one-year anniversary of the Cosmetic Surgery Review and announce our widening focus on non-surgical cosmetic procedures
- commissioning of an independent review on podiatric surgery to be undertaken by Professor Ron Paterson
- successful passage of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Surgeons) Amendment Bill in the Queensland Parliament on 12 September 2023
- final report of the Kruk Review, noting this is not a public document and has not yet been considered or endorsed by National Cabinet
- the receipt of a Ministerial Policy Direction 2023-1: Medical college accreditation of training sites directed at the Medical Board of Australia and Ahpra
- announcement of the Commonwealth Scope of Practice Review led by Professor Mark Cormack and the proposal to make a joint submission with National Boards
- work commencing to scope an income diversification strategy.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- approved the implementation of Tranche 2 changes (delegation model)
- noted a number of items from the Accreditation Committee including the workplan dashboard for September 2023, the annual effectiveness review results and review of charter and approved the Accreditation Committee annual report.
- approved the change of Universities Australia nominee on the Accreditation Committee
- approved the 2023 Ahpra and National Boards Annual Report
- approved the extension of the Cosmetic Surgery Oversight Group
- received an update on progress from the newly formed Transformation Program Technical Delivery Oversight Committee
- approved the Ahpra Board 2024 work program and meeting schedule
- noted the updated National Scheme Engagement Strategy
- noted the whole of Scheme snapshot summary for the November 2022 accreditation reports.

Members received a comprehensive presentation on the current progress of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) Regulatory plan 2021-2025 from the NMBA Chair and noted a number of key projects underway.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 17 October 2023.