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

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) is very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner and community members to fill vacancies arising across ten National Boards for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS). The vacancies arise primarily as a result of the expiry of 105 terms of the inaugural appointments to these national boards (as made by the Ministerial Council in 2009).

The details of the statutory appointments are set out in the attachment to this Communiqué.

There was a strong response to the national press advertisement for candidates issued on 11 February 2012.

A total of 274 individuals applied for appointment/reappointment to 105 vacancies across the 10 National Boards as follows:

- 134 health practitioners applied for appointment or reappointment as a practitioner member and/or chair of the relevant board (for 72 vacancies);
- 140 persons applied for community member appointment (for 33 vacancies).

Around 90% of inaugural national board members sought reappointment. Ministers thanked these inaugural members (including Chairs) for expressing their continued interest in, and commitment to, the work of the national boards in regulating the ten professions under the national scheme. Ministers also acknowledged the significant efforts of all inaugural members during their first term of appointment, in preparing for, and then implementing, national regulation under NRAS.

Consistent with previous appointment rounds, Ministers considered the significant response from persons seeking appointment as community members reflects the considerable interest from the community in the work of the national boards, and the importance of the contributions that community members make to the national boards and the NRAS.

The triennial appointment process provides an opportunity for renewal across the membership of the national boards, including Chairs, where there are eligible candidates with suitable skills, experience, qualities and abilities appropriate for appointment. Renewal provides for new members to be introduced, to strike a balance between retaining expertise from experienced board members and the perspectives and experience that new members bring to the ongoing functions of the boards.
Ministers welcomed returning board members and Chairs and all new practitioner and community member appointees and wished them well over the coming years with their important regulatory roles for the benefit of the Australian public.

In particular, Ministers welcomed the Chairs of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia and Podiatry Board of Australia to their new roles, noting the experience they have gained serving on the respective national boards as practitioner members during their inaugural terms.

In making these appointments, Ministers also wished to acknowledge and thank the inaugural, outgoing national board Chairs for their dedication and contributions over the last three years. Ministers also thanked all outgoing inaugural practitioner and community members for their dedicated service on the national boards and wished them well for the future.

The appointments and reappointments will commence for a period of one to three years from 30 August 2012, and are made under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act, as in force in each state and territory.

The appointments and reappointments are announced today to assist with the smooth transition from the inaugural appointed national boards to the newly constituted national boards from August 2012.

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ATTACHMENT to Communiqué

Appointments made to ten national boards by resolution of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 27 June 2012 under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act as in force in each state and territory (terms start 30 August 2012 for 3 years unless otherwise indicated)

Chiropractic Board of Australia

Dr Phillip Donato Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from South Australia

Dr Mark McEwan Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland

Dr G Bevan Goodreid Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia

Dr Amanda-Jane Kimpton Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria

Dr Sharyn Eaton Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales

Dr Michael Badham Appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory

Ms Margaret Wolf Reappointed as a community member

* Two year appointment from 30 August 2012

Note: Ms A Burgess and Ms B Kent were appointed as community members on the Chiropractic Board of Australia via an earlier round of appointments in May 2012

Dental Board of Australia

Dr John Lockwood Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member (dentist) from New South Wales

Ms Susan Aldenhoven Reappointed as a practitioner member (dental hygienist) from South Australia

Ms Jennifer Bishop Reappointed as a practitioner member (oral health therapist) from Queensland

Professor Paul Abbott Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from Western Australia

Dr Gerard Condon Reappointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from Victoria

Dr Murray Thomas Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the Australian Capital Territory

Dr Mark Leedham Reappointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the Northern Territory

Mr Paul House Reappointed as a practitioner member (dental prosthetist) from Tasmania

Mr Michael Miceli Reappointed as a community member

Mr Stephen Herrick Reappointed as a community member

Ms Alison von Bibra Appointed as a community member

Ms Alison Faigniez Appointed as a community member
**Medical Board of Australia**

Dr Joanna Flynn  
Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Victoria

Dr E (Mary) Cohn  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland

Associate Professor Peter Wallace  
Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia

Dr Rakesh Mohindra  
Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia

Associate Professor Peter Procopis  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales

Dr Stephen Bradshaw  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory

Dr Charles Kilburn  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory

Dr Fiona Joske  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania

Mr Paul Laris  
Reappointed as a community member

Ms Prudence Ford  
Reappointed as a community member

Professor Belinda Bennett  
Reappointed as a community member

Mr Robert Little  
Appointed as a community member

**Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia**

Ms Anne Copeland  
Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member (registered nurse and midwife) from Queensland

Dr Lynette Cusack  
Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from South Australia

Ms Louise Horgan  
Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Western Australia

Mrs Lynette Geri  
Reappointed as a practitioner member (enrolled nurse) from Victoria

Professor E (Mary) Chiarella  
Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse and midwife) from New South Wales

Ms Mary Kirk  
Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse and midwife) from the Australian Capital Territory

Ms Angela Brannelly  
Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse and midwife) from the Northern Territory

Professor Denise Fassett  
Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Tasmania

Ms Margaret Winn  
Reappointed as a community member

Dr Christine Murphy  
Reappointed as a community member

Mr Max Howard  
Appointed as a community member

Mrs Allyson Warrington  
Appointed as a community member

* One year appointment from 30 August 2012
**Optometry Board of Australia**

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

**Osteopathy Board of Australia**

Dr Robert Fendall  Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from New South Wales
Dr Natalie Rutsche  Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Ms Amanda Heyes  Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
A/Professor Philip Tehan  Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Dr Nikole Grbin  Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Dr Benjamin Field  Appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory
Mrs Liz Benson  Appointed as a community member
Ms Helga (Liza) Newby  Appointed as a community member
Ms Helen Egan  Reappointed as a community member

* One year appointment from 30 August 2012

**Pharmacy Board of Australia**

Mr Stephen Marty  Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Victoria
Mr Brett Simmonds  Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Mrs Rachel Carr  Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Trevor Draysey  Reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Mr Gerard McInerney  Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Mr William Kelly  Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory
Ms Bhavini Patel  Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory
Mr Ian Huett  Reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Ms Karen O’Keefe  Reappointed as a community member
Mr John Finlay  Reappointed as a community member
Ms Katherine (Katie) Sloper  Appointed as a community member

**Note:** Dr R Wellard was appointed as a community member on the Pharmacy Board of Australia via an earlier appointment round in 2011.
Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Mr Paul Shinkfield  
Appointed as Chair and reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania

Ms Kathy Grudzinskas  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland

Ms Kim Gibson  
Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia

Dr Charles Flynn  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria

Ms Anne Deans  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales

Ms Alison Bell  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia

Ms Karen Murphy  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory

Mrs Phillippa Tessmann  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory

Mr Timothy Benson  
Reappointed as a community member

Mrs Elizabeth Kosmala  
Reappointed as a community member

Mr Peter Kerr  
Appointed as a community member

Mrs Lynette Green  
Appointed as a community member

Podiatry Board of Australia

Mrs Catherine Loughry  
Appointed as Chair and reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia

Associate Professor Laurence Foley  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia

Dr Paul Bennett  
Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland

Mr Mark Gilheany  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria

Dr Paul Tinley  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales

Ms Annabelle Williams  
Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania

Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter  
Reappointed as a community member

Mr Ebenezer Banful  
Reappointed as a community member

Mr Mark Bodycoat  
Appointed as a community member

Psychology Board of Australia

Professor Brin Grenyer  
Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from New South Wales

Professor Gina Geffen  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland

Professor Alfred Allan  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia

Professor Trang Thomas  
Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria

Mr Radomir (Radek) Stratil  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia

Mr Geoffrey Gallas  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory

Mrs Kathryn Crawley  
Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory

Ms Ann Stark  
Reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania

Ms Fiona McLeod  
Reappointed as a community member

Mr Christopher O’Brien  
Reappointed as a community member

Ms Joanne Muller  
Appointed as a community member

Ms Mary Brennan  
Appointed as a community member