



## Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

20 December 2021

### Health Ministers announce National Board appointments

Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), are very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner members and community members to fill vacancies arising across 14 National Boards regulating health professions under the National Scheme.

The vacancies are primarily a result of the scheduled expiry of terms for Chairs, practitioner members and community members appointed to National Boards by the Ministerial Council in 2018. Other vacancies on National Boards have also been filled through this process. The vacancies were advertised in the national metropolitan press and on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and respective National Board websites earlier this year.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the attachment to this communiqué.

The appointment process enables renewal across the membership of National Boards and enables Ministers to consider the mix and balance of skills, experience and attributes that members may bring to the relevant board. There is an opportunity to introduce new members to bring a fresh perspective to the regulatory work of the boards and the National Scheme.

Ministers were pleased with the response to the call for registered practitioners and members of the community to apply for appointment to the National Boards and thanked everyone who took the time to apply. Overall, 443 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 253 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 190 applications for community member vacancies.

Ministers acknowledged all outgoing board members and thanked them for their service – especially those board members who are retiring from the National Boards having served three consecutive terms. These members' contributions to health practitioner regulation from first appointment in 2012 to now have been outstanding.

Ministers thanked retiring National Board Chairs for their outstanding commitment, leadership, dedication and contribution to the National Scheme and health practitioner regulation and wished them all the best for their future endeavours. In particular, Mr Mark Marcenko, Chair of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia was appointed as Chair in 2016 and first appointed in 2011 as an inaugural member of the Board; and Mr Ian Bluntish, Chair of the Optometry Board of Australia was appointed as Chair in 2015 and first appointed in 2009 as an inaugural member of the Board.

Ministers congratulated current and returning practitioner members to their new roles: Ms Cara Miller as Chair of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia and Mrs Judith Hannan as Chair of the Optometry Board of Australia. Their succession to these leadership roles reflects the depth and breadth of their skills and experience from serving on the National Boards and as practitioners from their respective professions.

Finally, a warm welcome was extended to all new and returning members and Chairs. 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.

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*.

There are three vacancies remaining on the following National Boards that will be further advertised:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Board of Australia for a practitioner member from Western Australia,
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia for a community member, and
- Osteopathy Board of Australia for a community member.

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### Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Health Council on 11 November 2021 under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* as in force in each state and territory, for terms as indicated below.

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia

Ms Iris Raye Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 13 March 2022

Ms Shirlene Sansbury Appointed as an acting practitioner member from Queensland for a period of up to 1 year from 13 December 2021

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

#### Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Ms Bing Tian Reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 8 December 2021

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

#### Chiropractic Board of Australia

Mrs Ailsa Wood Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 23 November 2021

Associate Professor Anna Ryan Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (third term) from 1 December 2021

Dr Abbey Chilcott Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021

Mr Michael Shobbrook Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 22 November 2021

Ms Kim Barker Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 23 November 2021

Mrs Colleen Papadopoulos Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 24 November 2021

Mr Kenneth Riddiford Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 22 November 2021

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

### **Dental Board of Australia**

Dr Murray Thomas	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (fourth term) from 26 November 2021
Dr Penelope Burns	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021
Dr Kate Raymond	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (third term) from 8 December 2021
Mrs Janice Okine	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term) from 26 November 2021
Professor Richard Logan	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 1 December 2021
Ms Carolynne Smith	Reappointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (second term) from 26 November 2021
Mr Tan Nguyen	Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021
Mr Robin Brown	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 8 December 2021
Ms Jacqueline Gibson	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 1 December 2021
Mrs Kim Jones	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 8 December 2021
Dr Simon Shanahan	Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 26 November 2021
Ms Julia Christensen	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 1 December 2021

### **Medical Board of Australia**

Dr Anne Tonkin	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 8 December 2021
Dr Kerrie Bradbury	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 8 December 2021
Associate Professor Stephen Adelstein	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 7 December 2021
Dr Samuel Goodwin	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (third term) from 10 December 2021
Dr Susan O'Dwyer	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 8 December 2021
Dr Andrew Mulcahy	Reappointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (second term) from 3 December 2021
Mr Mark Bodycoat	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 7 December 2021

Ms Eileen Jerga AM	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 8 December 2021
Ms Fearn (Michelle) Wright	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 5 December 2021
Dr Debra O'Brien	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 9 December 2021
Dr Daniel Heredia	Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 2 December 2021
Ms Jayde Geia	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 10 December 2021

### **Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia**

Ms Cara Miller	Appointed as Chair for a period of nine months (first term) from 23 February 2022
Mrs Amber Summers	Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 12 months (first term) from 23 February 2022

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

### **Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia**

Dr Christopher Helms	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (third term) from 23 November 2021
Ms Annette Symes	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 25 November 2021
Mr David Carpenter	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 23 November 2021
Ms Catherine Schofield	Reappointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (second term) from 8 December 2021
Mrs Jennifer Wood	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 23 November 2021
Dr Jessica (Jessa) Rogers	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 22 November 2021
Professor Catherine Chamberlain	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 24 November 2021
Ms Sonja Ilievskaja	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 23 November 2021
Ms Gemma Martin	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 23 November 2021

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

### **Occupational Therapy Board of Australia**

Ms Jennifer Morris                      Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 9 December 2021

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

### **Optometry Board of Australia**

Mrs Judith Hannan                      Appointed as Chair (first term) and reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021

Associate Professor Ann Webber                      Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of six months (third term) from 15 December 2021

Dr Carla Abbott                          Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021

Mr Stuart Aamodt                        Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 9 December 2021

Mr Anthony Evans                        Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 3 December 2021

Associate Professor Rosemary Knight                      Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 2 December 2021

Miss Renee Slunjski                      Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 8 December 2021

Mr Martin Robinson                      Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (first term) from 2 December 2021

Mr Benjamin Graham                      Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 13 December 2021

### **Osteopathy Board of Australia**

Ms Julia Duffy                              Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 8 December 2021

Mrs Rebecca Malon                        Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (first term) from 1 December 2021

Ms Robyn Davis                              Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 26 November 2021

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

### **Pharmacy Board of Australia**

Mr Brett Simmonds	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (fourth term) from 1 December 2021
Mrs Elise Apolloni	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 29 November 2021
Mr Lawrence (Ben) Wilkins	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 26 November 2021
Dr Alice Gilbert	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 10 December 2021
Dr Cameron Phillips	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 29 November 2021
Mr Mark Kirschbaum	Reappointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (third term) from 26 November 2021
Ms Hannah Mann	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 8 December 2021
Ms Melissa Cadzow	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 29 November 2021
Dr Suzanne Martin	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 1 December 2021
Dr Janet Preuss	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 1 December 2021
Dr Rodney Wellington	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 26 November 2021
Dr Amy Page	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 26 November 2021

### **Physiotherapy Board of Australia**

Ms Kim Gibson	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (fourth term) from 28 November 2021
Ms Elizabeth Trickett	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (third term) from 3 December 2021
Mr David Cross	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 29 November 2021
Ms Sally Adamson	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 28 November 2021
Ms Cherie Hearn	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 29 November 2021

Professor Sheila Lennon	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 26 November 2021
Dr Paula Harding	Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term) from 1 December 2021
Mrs Janet (Jenny) Blake	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 29 November 2021
Ms Katherine (Kate) Waterford	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021
Mr Simon Watt	Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (first term) from 26 November 2021
Ms Rosemary Mathlin	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 26 November 2021
Mr Allan Renouf	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 27 November 2021

### **Podiatry Board of Australia**

Associate Professor Cylie Williams	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (third term) from 8 December 2021
Mrs Kathryn (Kate) Storer	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (third term) from 9 December 2021
Dr Kristy Robson	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 7 December 2021
Dr Andrew van Essen	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021
Ms Julia Kurowski	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 2 December 2021
Ms Shellee Smith	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 12 April 2022
Mr Anthony Short	Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (first term) from 2 December 2021
Ms Raelene Harrison	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 2 December 2021

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

## **Psychology Board of Australia**

Ms Rachel Phillips	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 3 December 2021
Ms Vanessa Hamilton	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (third term) from 8 December 2021
Mr Timothy Ridgway	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 13 December 2021
Professor Kathryn von Treuer	Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (third term) from 15 December 2021
Dr Jennifer Thornton	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 8 December 2021
Ms Marion Hale	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 13 December 2021
Mr Christopher Joseph	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 December 2021
Dr Robyn Vines	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (first term) from 6 December 2021
Ms Miranda Bruyniks	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 2 December 2021
Professor Petrina Coventry	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 3 December 2021

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