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

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council is very pleased to announce today the appointment of the 108 inaugural members of the ten national boards for the new National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions. The appointments are made under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008*. The appointments are made at this stage to enable the national boards to begin preparatory work for the commencement of the new national scheme on 1 July 2010.

In making the appointments, Ministers took into account the feedback they received on the size and composition of the boards. Ministers revisited their decision of 8 May 2009 and decided that six of the boards should be expanded to include eight practitioner members and four community members each. This enables a practitioner member from each of the eight jurisdictions to be members of these boards.

The six boards to be expanded from nine to twelve members are: Dental Board of Australia, Medical Board of Australia, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, Pharmacy Board of Australia, Physiotherapy Board of Australia and Psychology Board of Australia. In addition, Ministers decided that the practitioner members of the Dental Board of Australia would comprise five dentists, one dental therapist, one dental hygienist and one dental prosthodontist.

To underline the independence of an external accrediting authority, Ministers have decided that the chair of a national board cannot also be a member of the board of an independent accrediting authority and the chair of an independent accrediting authority cannot also be a member of a national board.

Ministers were delighted with the response to the press advertisement for candidates issued on 16 May 2009. A total of 370 candidates were nominated or put themselves forward. Ministers were pleased to see the strong field of candidates for both the practitioner and community members.

The details of the 108 statutory appointments are set out in the attachment to this communiqué. Ministers particularly welcomed the ten Chairs of the new boards to their appointments.
Ministers consider that with these appointments the new scheme will be in good hands. Among the 72 practitioner members, there are 66 people who are currently on State and Territory registration boards, with 39 of these being current Chairs of those boards. Among the 36 community members, 34 are currently on State and Territory registration boards.

Ministers were particularly pleased to note that there are 19 practitioner members and eight community members who live in a rural or regional area. Of the 72 practitioner members, 44 are members with education and training expertise, and of the total of 108 members, 51 are male and 57 are female.

Ministers welcomed the board members to their new roles and wished them well over the coming years in building and strengthening the new national arrangements for the benefit of the whole Australian community.

31 August 2009
Appointments made to the national boards for health professions by resolution of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council under the Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008 (Queensland) on 10 August 2009

Chiropractic Board of Australia
Mrs Esther Alter Appointed as a community member
Dr Stephen Crean Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Dr Phillip Donato Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from South Australia
Dr Graham (Bevan) Goodreid Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Peter Groves Appointed as a community member
Dr Geoffrey Irvine Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Dr Amanda-Jane Kimpton Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Dr Mark McEwan Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Ms Margaret Wolf Appointed as a community member

Dental Board of Australia
Ms Susan Aldenhoven Appointed as a practitioner member (dental hygienist) from South Australia
Mrs Jennifer Bishop Appointed as a practitioner member (dental therapist) from Queensland
Dr Carmelo Bonnano Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the ACT
Dr Gerard Condon Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from Victoria
Mr Stephen Herrick Appointed as a community member
Mr Paul House Appointed as a practitioner member (dental prosthetist) from Tasmania
Dr Mark Leedham Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the Northern Territory
Dr John Lockwood Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member (dentist) from New South Wales
Mr Peter Martin Appointed as a community member
Mr Michael Miceli Appointed as a community member
Dr John Owen Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from Western Australia
Mrs Myra Pincott Appointed as a community member

Medical Board of Australia
Professor Belinda Bennett Appointed as a community member
Dr Stephen Bradshaw Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Dr Erica (Mary) Cohn Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Ms Prudence Ford Appointed as a community member
Dr Joanna Flynn Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Victoria
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Osteopathy Board of Australia

Dr Melissa Coulter  Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Ms Helen Egan     Appointed as a community member
Mr Robert Fendall  Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from New South Wales
Ms Amanda Heyes   Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Dr Luke Rickards  Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Dr Natalie Rutsche Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Ms Karen Stott    Appointed as a community member
Adjunct Professor Philip Tehan
Ms Belinda Webster Appointed as a community member

Pharmacy Board of Australia

Mrs Rachel Carr   Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Trevor Draysey Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Ms Mary Edwards  Appointed as a community member
Mr John Finlay   Appointed as a community member
Ms Laila Hakansson Ware Appointed as a community member
Mr Ian Huett     Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Mr William Kelly  Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Mr Stephen Marty Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Victoria
Mr Timothy Logan Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Mr Gerard McInerney Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Ms Karen O'Keefe  Appointed as a community member
Ms Bhavini Patel  Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory

Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Ms Alison Bell    Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Mr Tim Benson     Appointed as a community member
Dr Susan Brady    Appointed as a community member
Ms Anne Deans     Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Dr Charles Flynn  Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Mrs Kathryn Grudzinskas Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Mrs Elizabeth Kosmala Appointed as a community member
Ms Joanne Muller  Appointed as a community member
Ms Karen Murphy   Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Mr Glenn Ruscoe   Appointed as a Chair and practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Paul Shinkfield  Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Ms Philippa Tessmann  Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory

Podiatry Board of Australia
Mr Ebenezer Banful  Appointed as a community member
Associate Professor Laurie Foley  Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Mr Mark Gilheany  Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter  Appointed as a community member
Ms Catherine Loughry  Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Ms Helen Matthews  Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Ms Margaret (Joan) Russell  Appointed as a community member
Dr Paul Tinley  Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Mr Jason Warnock  Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Queensland

Psychology Board of Australia
Professor Alfred Allan  Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Ms Antonia Dunne  Appointed as a community member
Ms Kaye Frankcom  Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Mr Geoff Gallas  Appointed as a practitioner member from the ACT
Professor Gina Geffen  Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Dr Shirley Grace  Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory
Associate Professor Brin Grenyer  Appointed as Chair and a practitioner member from New South Wales
Mrs Irene Hancock  Appointed as a community member
Ms Fiona McLeod  Appointed as a community member
Mr Christopher O’Brien  Appointed as a community member
Ms Ann Stark  Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Mr Radomir Stratil  Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia