



## Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

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#### **HEALTH MINISTERS ANNOUNCE COMMUNITY MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHIROPRACTIC BOARD OF AUSTRALIA & THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA**

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council is pleased to announce the appointment of three new community members from a strong field of community member candidates to fill vacancies on the Chiropractic Board of Australia and the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia.

#### **Chiropractic Board of Australia**

- Ms Anne Burgess appointed as community member; and
- Ms Barbara Kent appointed as community member.

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

- Ms Louise Johnson appointed as community member.

Ministers acknowledge the significant response to the national press advertisement for candidates issued on 10 December 2011.

A total of 68 applications were received from people expressing an interest in being appointed as a community member on the national boards, for only three vacancies. The response indicates significant interest from the community in the work of the national boards, and highlights the importance of the contributions that community members make to the boards and the national registration and accreditation scheme.

Ministers welcomed the new community members to the national boards. The appointments commenced on 7 May 2012 for a period of three years, and are made under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*, as in force in each State and Territory.

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