



Standing Council on Health

(meeting as the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council)

COMMUNIQUE

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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.

30 July 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |