



# COAG Health Council

(meeting as the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council)

## Communique

19 June 2014

### HEALTH MINISTERS ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENTS

#### **Chinese Medicine Board of Australia Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia Occupational Therapy Board of Australia**

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) is very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of national board Chairs and board members to three National Boards regulating health professions under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the national scheme).

The vacancies are primarily a result of the end of the inaugural terms for members appointed by the Ministerial Council in June 2011 to the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia and the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia.

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 was a strong response to the national press advertisement for candidates as either practitioner or community members and from the inaugural board members, reflecting a strong interest in the work of the national boards and the national scheme.

The Ministerial Council has appointed, from 1 July 2014 for a period of 3 years unless otherwise indicated:

- an 8 member second term Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) with a vacancy remaining from 1 July 2014 for a practitioner member from either ACT, NT or Tasmania
- a fully constituted second term Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (MRPBA) with the practitioner member composition of 4 diagnostic radiographers, 2 radiation therapists and 2 nuclear medicine technologists
- a fully constituted second term Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA).

Ministers have agreed to reappoint the following practitioner members as Board Chairs:

- Professor Charlie Xue, CMBA for a full 3 year term
- Dr Mary Russell, OTBA for a full 3 year term
- Mr Neil Hicks, MRPBA for 2 years to encourage succession planning and building leadership capacity.

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 reappointment. Renewal provides for new members to be introduced, to strike a balance between retaining expertise from experienced board members and brings the perspectives and experience of new members to the ongoing functions of the boards.

Ministers welcomed reappointed board members and Chairs and thanked them for expressing their continued interest in, and commitment to, the work of the national boards in regulating the three professions under the national scheme and in the public interest.

A warm welcome was extended to all new practitioner and community members and Ministers wished them well over the coming years with their important regulatory roles.

Ministers also acknowledged the significant efforts of all inaugural members during their first term of appointment, in preparing for and then implementing regulation under the national scheme.

The details of the 25 new statutory appointments are set out in the **attachment** to this communiqué.

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## **ATTACHMENT to Communiqué**

**Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory on 12 June 2014, for terms as indicated below.**

### ***Chinese Medicine Board of Australia***

Professor Charlie Xue	Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Mr Roderick Martin	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (first term)
Dr Di Wen Lai	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Dr Liang Zhong Chen	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (first term)
Ms Christine Berle	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (first term)
Professor Craig Zimitat	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Dr Anne Fletcher	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 May 2014 (first term)

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

Mr Neil Hicks	Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member (diagnostic radiographer) from Western Australia for a period of 2 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Mr Travis Pearson	Appointed as a practitioner member (nuclear medicine technologist) from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (first term)
Ms Marcia Fleet	Reappointed as a practitioner member (radiation therapist) from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Miss Belinda Evans	Appointed as a practitioner member (radiation therapist) from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (first term)
Ms Tracy Vitucci	Reappointed as a practitioner member (diagnostic radiographer) from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Mr Christopher Hicks	Reappointed as a practitioner member (diagnostic radiographer) from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Mr Mark Marcenko	Reappointed as a practitioner member (nuclear medicine technologist) from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Mr Roger Weckert	Appointed as a practitioner member (diagnostic radiographer) from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (first term)

Ms Robyn Hopcroft	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Ms Rosemary (Rosie) Yeo	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (second term)
Professor Stephan Millett	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 July 2014 (first term)
Ms Mary Edwards	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 May 2014 (first term)

***Occupational Therapy Board of Australia ♦***

Dr Mary Russell	Reappointed as Chair and a practitioner member from South Australia (second term)
Mrs Terina Saunders	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory (second term)
Ms Julie Brayshaw	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia (second term)
Mr James (Jim) Carmichael	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland (second term)
Dr Katherine Moore	Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales(second term)
Mrs Kathleen (Kate) MacRae	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria (first term)
Ms Louisa Scott (O'Grady)	Reappointed as a community member (second term)
Ms Roxane Shaw	Appointed as a community member (first term)

♦ All appointments and reappointments are from 1 July 2014 for a period of three years