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Health Ministers announce appointments to the Management Committee of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) is very pleased to announce appointments of members to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation (AHPRA) Agency Management Committee. The vacancies arose as a result of the scheduled expiry of terms made by the Ministerial Council in 2014. The appointments are made in accordance with the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* as in force in each state and territory.

The Ministerial Council acknowledged the high standard of applications received. Three sitting members have been reappointed and one new member has been added to this important committee. A short biography of each member is attached to this communiqué.

The new three year terms of appointment are as follows:

- Mr Michael Gorton AM has been reappointed as Chair and member with business and administrative expertise from 29 February 2016
- Ms Karen Crawshaw PSM has been reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration from 2 March 2016
- Mr Ian Smith PSM has been reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration from 2 March 2016

The Ministerial Council expressed thanks for the highly valued contribution of all reappointed members.

Reflecting the Ministerial Council's desire to ensure renewal of the Agency Management Committee on an ongoing basis, Ministers adopted the principle of staggered appointments and appointed one new member for a period of three years, also from 29 February 2016.

The new member is:

- Dr Peggy Brown, appointed as member with expertise in health, education and training from 29 February 2016 for a three year term.

Ministers welcomed the Dr Brown and wished her well over the coming years in strengthening and guiding the work of AHPRA in further embedding the safe delivery of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, for the benefit of all Australians.

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Information on members of the Agency Management Committee

Appointments

Mr Michael Gorton AM, Victoria

Mr Michael Gorton is reappointed as the Chair of the Agency Management Committee. Mr Gorton was first appointed to the Agency Management Committee in March 2009 as a member with business and administrative expertise. He was appointed as the Chair of the Agency Management Committee in 2014. Mr Gorton is a commercial lawyer with considerable experience providing legal advice on medical registration, training, education and administrative practice. As a principal of Russell Kennedy Solicitors, he has significant experience in business management and administration. He is a Board member of Melbourne Health (Royal Melbourne Hospital). He is a former Chair of the Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission and former Chair of the Code of Conduct Committee of Medicines Australia. Mr Gorton is the Chair of the Patient Review Panel (Victoria) and chairs the Minister's Expert Panel to review health complaints legislation in Victoria. He has extensive experience in governance for a wide range of organisations including health and ethics committees. Mr Gorton holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce. In 2004, Mr Gorton received the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for community service.

Ms Karen Crawshaw PSM, New South Wales

Ms Crawshaw is reappointed to the Agency Management Committee as a member with expertise in health business and administration. She was first appointed in September 2012. Ms Crawshaw of NSW Health holds Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law and was admitted to the NSW Supreme Court in 1979 and subsequently to the High Court. She holds an unrestricted practising certificate from the Law Society of NSW. Ms Crawshaw held legal positions in the State Crown Solicitor's Office and the Premier's Department prior to joining the NSW Department of Health's Legal Branch. In 2007, Ms Crawshaw was appointed Deputy Director-General, Health System Support. Following the implementation of the Governance Review in late 2011, Ms Crawshaw was reappointed as Deputy Director-General with responsibility for the Division of Governance, Workforce and Corporate Services. Her areas of accountability cover health workforce planning and industrial relations, business and asset services, communications, corporate governance, and legal and regulatory services. Ms Crawshaw was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2012 for her significant contributions to the public sector.

Mr Ian Smith PSM, Western Australia

Mr Smith is reappointed to the Agency Management Committee as a member with expertise in health, business and administration. He was first appointed in September 2012. Mr Smith is an experienced senior health official with a strong track record in delivering the full range of integrated health care services - acute care in hospitals, acute psychiatric mental health, community mental health, public health, community and allied health and aged care. During the past 17 years he has held various senior executive leadership roles in the Pilbara, Kimberley, South West and the Great Southern Regions of Western Australia. In January

2011 he was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the WA Country Health Service which is responsible for delivering the State Government funded public health services throughout rural and remote Western Australia. Mr Smith was awarded the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service in 2014.

Dr Peggy Brown, Queensland

Dr Brown is appointed to the Agency Management Committee as a member with expertise in health, education and training. Dr Brown is a registered medical practitioner (psychiatrist) with over 30 years' experience in the Australian health sector. She has held senior clinical and administrative positions in the public health system including the position of Director-General of ACT Health from 2010 until 2015. Dr Brown is a former Chair of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council and is well versed with the operational, legislative and policy aspects of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions including the work of National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Her extensive experience in the health sector also includes oversight of the psychiatry training program of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.

Existing members

Barbara Yeoh, Victoria

Ms Yeoh is a member with expertise in health, education and training. She is also the current Chair of Monash Health and a Director of the Victorian State Emergency Service Authority. She has previously served on the Board of Austin Health and Eastern Health in Victoria. She has over 25 years experience across a range of public and private sector agencies including in the health, education, finance, insurance, transport, technology and infrastructure sectors. Ms Yeoh has previously served as a Council Member and Deputy Chancellor at Latrobe University. She has maintained her interest in education through her position as a Principal Associate of PhillipsKPA, specialist advisers to the education sector.

David Taylor, New South Wales

Mr Taylor is a member with expertise in business and administration. Mr Taylor has extensive experience in the banking and marketing sectors having held senior management positions in the financial services industry. He has had exposure to a range of industries including health services, information technology, financial services, agribusiness and vocational education. Since retiring as Divisional Head, Business Banking at Bankwest Bank, Mr Taylor has served on the Boards of a number of public, private and government enterprises. Mr Taylor was former Chair of the Forest Products Commission and the Perth Market Authority. Mr Taylor is currently a Board member of Agrifood Skills Australia Ltd and chairs their Finance & Risk Committee.

Professor Merrilyn Walton AM, New South Wales

Professor Walton was appointed to the Agency Management Committee in March 2009 as a member with business and administrative expertise. Professor Walton is Professor of Medical Education (Patient Safety) in the School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Sydney and Visiting Professor and Affiliate of the Buehler Center on Aging, Health and Society, Chicago, USA. Professor Walton is a member of the University of

Sydney Academic Board, the NSW Institute for Medical Education and Training and is a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee (National Health and Medical Research Council). Previously, she was the Commissioner for the Health Care Complaints Commission NSW (1993-2000). Professor Walton holds a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Work, Masters of Social Work and Doctor of Philosophy.

Jenny Taing, Victoria

Ms Taing is a member with expertise in business and administration. She is a senior lawyer with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission specialising in financial services, managed funds and superannuation law. She also serves as a board director of the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital and a board director at the Royal District Nursing Service. Ms Taing is also an advisory board member at the University of Melbourne, with the Centre for Advancing Journalism. Ms Taing has also previously served as a Commissioner at the Victorian Multicultural Commission. She was recognised in 2013 by CPA Australia as one of forty young business leaders for her work in corporate governance. Ms Taing holds a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Melbourne and was Admitted to Supreme Court of Victoria in 2008. She is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.