



COAG Health Council

Communiqué

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Health Ministers announce National Board appointments

Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the national scheme), are very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner members and community members to fill vacancies arising across 13 National Boards regulating health professions under the national scheme.

The vacancies are primarily a result of the scheduled triennial expiry of terms for Chairs, practitioner members and community members appointed to National Boards by the Ministerial Council in 2015. Other vacancies on National Boards have also been filled through this process. The vacancies were advertised in the press and on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National Board recruitment website earlier this year.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the attachment to this communiqué.

The triennial appointment process enables renewal across the membership of National Boards and enables Ministers to consider the mix and balance of skills, experience and attributes that members may bring to the relevant board. There is an opportunity to introduce new members to bring a fresh perspective to the regulatory work of the boards and the national scheme. However, with renewal, comes change.

Ministers acknowledged all outgoing board members and thanked them for their service – especially those inaugural board members who are retiring from the National Boards having served three consecutive terms. These members' contributions to health practitioner regulation from first appointment in 2009 to now have been outstanding.

Ministers thanked retiring National Board Chairs for their outstanding commitment, leadership, dedication and contributions to the national scheme and health practitioner regulation and wished them all the best for their future endeavours. Dr Joanna Flynn AM, Medical Board of Australia; Dr John Lockwood AM, Dental Board of Australia and Professor Brin Grenyer, Psychology Board of Australia were first appointed in 2009 as inaugural Chairs and members. They are joined by Ms Catherine Loughry, Chair Podiatry Board of Australia since 2012 and inaugural practitioner member; Mr William 'Bill' Kelly, Chair Pharmacy Board of Australia since 2015 and inaugural practitioner member; and Dr Charles Flynn PhD, Chair Physiotherapy Board of Australia since 2016 and inaugural practitioner member.

Ministers welcomed returning practitioner members to their new roles: Dr Murray Thomas (dentist) as Chair of the Dental Board of Australia; Mr Brett Simmonds as Chair of the Pharmacy Board of Australia; Professor Anne Tonkin as Chair of the Medical Board of Australia; Ms Rachel Phillips, as Chair of the Psychology Board of Australia; Adjunct Associate Professor Kim Gibson as Chair of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia; and Dr Cylie Williams PhD as Chair of the Podiatry Board of Australia. Their succession to these leadership roles

reflects the depth and breadth of their skills and experience from serving on the National Boards and as practitioners from their respective professions.

Finally, a warm welcome was extended to all new and returning members and Chairs. Ministers thanked them for expressing their interest in, and commitment to, the principles of the national scheme and the regulation of health practitioners in the public interest and wished them well over the coming years with their important regulatory roles.

Health Ministers are confident that these appointments strike the right balance between retaining expertise from experienced board members and bringing the perspectives and experience of new members to the ongoing functions of the boards.

Health Ministers were very pleased with the outstanding response to the call for registered practitioners and members of the community to apply for appointment to the National Boards. Ministers thanked everyone who took the time to apply. Overall, 780 applications were received for the 102 vacancies across 13 National Boards – 500 for 66 practitioner member vacancies, 280 for 36 community member vacancies, and 99 expressions of interest from registered health practitioners for nine National Board Chair roles.

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*.

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Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the COAG Health Council on 2 October 2018 under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* as in force in each state and territory, for terms as indicated below.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia

Mr David Nicholls Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland (first term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website: <http://www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au/About/board-members.aspx>

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Ms Bing Tian Appointed as practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (the Australian Capital Territory) (first term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website: <http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/>

Chiropractic Board of Australia

Mrs Ailsa Wood (Patterson) Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term)

Dr Abbey Chilcott Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)

Dr Anna Ryan Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term)

Dr Michael Badham Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (third term)

Mr Frank Ederle Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)

Ms Anne Burgess Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)

Ms Alison von Bibra Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term; was appointed to Dental Board)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website: <http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/>

Dental Board of Australia

Dr Murray Thomas	Appointed as new Chair and reappointed as practitioner member (dentist) from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (third term)
Professor Paul Abbott, AO	Reappointed as a practitioner member (dental specialist) from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (third term)
Mrs Janice Okine	Appointed as a practitioner member (oral health therapist) from Queensland for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr Tan Nguyen	Appointed as a practitioner member (oral health therapist) from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term)
Professor Richard Logan	Appointed as a practitioner member (dental specialist) from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)
Dr Kate Raymond	Reappointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mrs Carolynne Smith	Appointed as a practitioner member (dental prosthetist) from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (first term)
Dr Penelope Burns	Appointed as a practitioner member (dentist) from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Jacqui Gibson	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Alison Faigniez	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)
Mr Robin Brown	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mrs Kim Jones	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)

Medical Board of Australia

Professor Anne Tonkin	Appointed as new Chair and reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term)
Professor Constantine 'Con' Michael, AO	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term)
Associate Professor Stephen Adelstein	Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Susan O'Dwyer	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term)
Professor Richard Doherty	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term)
Dr Kerrie Bradbury	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (first term)

Dr Samuel Goodwin	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Andrew Mulcahy	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr Mark Bodycoat	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Fearn 'Michelle' Wright	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Hannah McGlade (PhD)	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Eileen Jerga AM	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Dr Lynette Cusack (PhD)	Reappointed as Chair (third term) and practitioner member (registered nurse, midwife) from South Australia for a period of 2 years
Mrs Jennifer Wood	Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse, registered midwife) from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Melodie Heland	Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Annette Symes	Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Christopher Helms (PhD)	Reappointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse – nurse practitioner) from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Catherine Schofield	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse) from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr David Carpenter	Appointed as a practitioner member (registered nurse, registered midwife) from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr Max Howard	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)
Mrs Allyson Warrington	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)
Ms Maria 'Nicoletta' Ciffolilli	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Jessica 'Jessa' Rogers (PhD)	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website: <http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/About/Board-Members.aspx>

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

Miss Jennifer 'Jen' Morris Appointed as a community member for a period of three years (first term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website: <http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au>

Optometry Board of Australia

Mr Ian Bluntish Reappointed as Chair (second term) and practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years

Dr Carla Abbott (PhD) Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term)

Dr Ann Webber (PhD) Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term)

Mrs Judith Hannan (Irvine) Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (first term)

Mr Stuart Aamodt Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)

Associate Professor Daryl Guest Reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (second term)

Ms Adrienne Farago Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)

Mr Anthony Evans Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)

Associate Professor Rosemary Knight Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Dr Nikole Grbin Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 2 years (third term)

Dr Patricia Thomas Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (first term)

Dr Katherine Locke Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term)

Ms Julia Duffy Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)

Mr Joshua Hatten Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)

Ms Judith Dikstein Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on

the Board's website: <http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/>

Pharmacy Board of Australia

Mr Brett Simmonds	Appointed as new Chair and reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term)
Mrs Elise Apolloni	Appointed practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Joy Hewitt	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mrs Hannah Mann	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr Laurence (Ben) Wilkins	Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mr Cameron Phillips	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)
Dr Alice Gilbert (PhD)	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr Mark Kirschbaum	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mr Rodney 'Rod' Wellington	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Melissa Cadzow	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)
Dr Suzanne Martin (BVSc)	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)

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Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Adjunct Associate Professor Kim Gibson	Appointed as new Chair and reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (third term)
Professor Sheila Lennon	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr David Cross	Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Paula Harding (PhD)	Appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Cherie Hearn	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Elizabeth 'Libby'	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian

Trickett	Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Sally Adamson	Appointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mrs Lynette Green	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)
Mrs Janet 'Jenny' Blake	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Katherine 'Kate' Waterford	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mr Peter Kerr, AM	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au/About/Physiotherapy-Board-Members.aspx>

Podiatry Board of Australia

Dr Cylie Williams (PhD)	Appointed as new Chair and reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Andrew van Essen	Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)
Dr Paul Bennett	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term)
Ms Julia Kurowski	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Kristy Robson (PhD)	Appointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (first term)
Mrs Kathryn 'Kate' Storer (Shonk)	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mr Peter Gaughwin	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)
(to be announced)	community member
Dr Janice 'Jan' Davies (PhD)	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)

Psychology Board of Australia

Ms Rachel Phillips	Appointed as new Chair and reappointed as a practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term)
Dr Melissa Hughes (PhD)	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (first term)
Associate Professor Jennifer Thornton	Appointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)

Professor Kathryn von Treuer	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mr Timothy Ridgway	Appointed as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Vanessa Hamilton	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Rebecca Campbell	Reappointed as a practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (second term)
Ms Marion Hale	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term)
Mr Peter Hooker	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)
Ms Mary Brennan	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term)
Mr Christopher Joseph	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term)

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