



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Practice
Chinese Medicine
Chiropractic
Dental
Medical
Medical Radiation Practice
Nursing and Midwifery
Occupational Therapy
Optometry
Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

November 2018

The 104th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday, 20 November 2018 in Brisbane. This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

Chair's Report

Members noted the update provided by the Chair including:

- an update on the implementation of national registration of the paramedicine profession and the strong progress with over 15,000 applications received to date. There continues to be close liaison and communication with jurisdictional Ambulance Services.
- a meeting with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia to discuss finance issues.
- the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group recently met and have made a submission to the consultation on amendments to the National Law.
- the Forum of NRAS Chairs met on 1 and 2 November 2018 in Sydney including NSW counterparts; the meeting went well with positive exchanges looking to the future of the scheme.

CEO Report

Members noted the written report and the verbal update from CEO Mr Fletcher, including:

- Legislative amendments have been introduced to the Queensland Parliament (T1A amendment bill) and referred to the Queensland Parliamentary Committee for scrutiny.
- Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. AHPRA offered to brief the Commission on the National Scheme, and Mr Jamie Orchard, National Director Legal and Ms Kym Ayscough, Executive Director Regulatory Operations are attending the Commission in Canberra on 21 November.
- Meeting with NSW Health Professional Councils. Mr Fletcher advised the meeting was constructive and provided an opportunity to discuss activity-based costing and potential application in the NSW co-regulatory funding context.

Business items

In other business items, the Committee:

- noted the NRAS Strategy Refresh 2017-18 and updated strategic reporting glossary for 2018-19 including targets for measures.
- noted the application of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth) and the work to be undertaken to ensure all requirements are met.
- endorsed a revised Administrative complaints management policy and procedure and discussed some final amendments to ensure clear definitions and a focus on staff training.
- discussed the preliminary results from social research on perceptions and awareness of the AHPRA, National Boards and the National Scheme. The Committee noted the findings from the social research project and planned further targeted work on brand identity, proactive and more positive messaging, and a baseline for future work around sentiment and trust.
- noted the key items identified in the 2018-19 first quarter financial report and the provisional budget timetable for 2019-20.
- noted progress on the professional practice strategy and its connections with the Think Tank strategies and provided feedback on the strategy including that a more explicit public interest lens and cultural competencies could be incorporated into quantifying risk.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

18 December 2018, Melbourne