



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

December 2018

The 105th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday, 18 December 2018 in Melbourne. 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 Mr Gorton's presentation to Masters' students at Deakin University about health practitioner regulation in Australia.

CEO Report

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

1. Mr Fletcher's appearance at the Queensland Parliamentary hearing on the Tranche 1A Bill on 5 December 2018
2. A South Australian medical practitioner was recently convicted for the attempted murder of a pharmacist after she reported him to AHPRA. A joint media release from the Medical and Pharmacy Boards of Australia and AHPRA was released stating that the National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner Ms Richelle McCausland, will work with AHPRA to review our policies and procedures in relation to safeguarding the confidentiality of notifiers and any additional steps we may need to take.
3. Members noted an update from Ms Ayscough on regulatory performance highlighting the following:
 - a. Paramedicine: successful implementation and we remain on track to finalise the remaining applications by February 2019. Members acknowledged the work of the Paramedicine Board of Australia to ready the profession and the AHPRA registration team and agreed that the Chair AManC would formally acknowledge this at an appropriate time
 - b. New graduates: there has been an increase in resources applied to the graduate team and data shows we are ahead in managing applications in comparison to last year. There is an active focus on ensuring that medical interns are finalised in time for their clinical placements, and IMGs in time for the start of the clinical year in January. The team is proactively seeking advice from major employers on priorities.

Business items

In other business items, the Committee:

1. Endorsed the draft First Quarter 2018-19 Strategic Performance Report, as well as the Strategic Theme Cards, Reporting Schedule and Glossary,
2. Approved the 2019-20 AHPRA operating budget assumptions as the basis for further work on the budget and advice to National Boards,
3. Noted advice from management on the commencement of meetings with bargaining representatives for the Enterprise Agreement, and
4. Members noted the final Administrative complaints management policy and procedure.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

18 February 2019, Melbourne