



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

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### April 2019

The 108th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday, 16 April 2019 via Teleconference. 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

The Chair noted that a major milestone was met with the start of public consultation on a definition of 'cultural safety'. This reflects a strong partnership between AHPRA, the National Boards and Accreditation Authorities via the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group (ATSIHSG) and the National Health Leadership Forum (NHLF).

The Chair also invited Ms Barbara Yeoh AM who was Presiding Member at the March AManC meeting to provide an update. Ms Yeoh highlighted the launch of the WHO Collaborating Centre on 5 April 2019, which has attracted positive feedback from attendees. The launch highlighted the collaboration, partnerships and learnings that may be achieved in the Western Pacific region, including Australia.

### CEO Report

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

1. The workshop with the new Aged Care Quality and Safety Commissioner on 12 April 2019 – the outcome being agreed domains to be included in a Memorandum of Understanding between AHPRA and the Commission to ensure clear roles and strengthen information-sharing arrangements. There was also discussion about promoting awareness and use of the National Register by Aged Care employers.
2. Royal Commission into Aged Care. Public hearings continue to be monitored to ensure AHPRA is prepared to comply with any requests for information or assistance over the coming months.
3. Regulatory performance. There continues to be pressure on both notifications and registrations performance including a significant increase in notifications received. An overview of strategies to respond to these challenges was provided.
4. Cultural safety. The call for tenders for cultural safety training for all AHPRA staff, National Board and Committee members and Accreditation Authority staff and committee members has been finalised and a formal announcement of the successful vendor is expected in May 2019

### Business items

In other business items, the Committee:

1. approved the proposed framework for negotiating remuneration increases as part of Executive Contract renewal
2. approved the amended timeframes for the administrative complaints management policy and procedure and noted the arrangements to transition to the new complaints management framework
3. approved the Joint Information Publication Scheme Agency Plan

### Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

21 May 2019, in Melbourne

**Agency Management Committee**

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