

Agency Management Committee Communiqué

March 2020

The 118th meeting of the [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) was held on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 in Melbourne and via tele-conference. 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.

Business items

The Committee was briefed on the Ahpra action plan in response to the COVID -19 pandemic. This included discussion of work underway on Ahpra business continuity; arrangements for Boards and Committees to meet virtually; engagement with jurisdictions on priority professions for a surge health workforce; communications with staff and Board members, and; work underway to develop coordinated regulatory policy responses. The Committee agreed to establish a time limited oversight group to be chaired by the Chair.

The Committee met with invited guests Ms Jacqui Gibson-Roos, Deputy Chair and Ms Julie Brayshaw Co-Chair Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group to discuss the work underway on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy. The Committee was pleased to approve the Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan for 2019-2021 for progression to Reconciliation Australia for endorsement.

The Committee congratulated the Ahpra team on their work to deliver the NRAS Combined Meeting held on 27 and 28 February 2020. Members also provided their positive reflections of the conference.

In other business items, the Committee:

- approved the revised External Research Data Request Policy for consultation through the Forum of NRAS Chairs and noted the review of the National Scheme Research Framework.
- supported the approach to provide ethical oversight for National Scheme research projects.
- approved on recommendation from the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee:
 - the amended Point of Sale Policy
 - the amended Capital Expenditure Recognition Policy
 - the FY 2020/21 budget and registration income assumptions.
- noted the Digital House business Case summary documents and funding model which will now be provided to National Boards for feedback.
- noted the NHPOPC Confidentiality review report and proposed consultation with National Boards and key stakeholders.

CEO report

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

- Overview of regulatory performance with continued gains in registration and continued pressures in notifications
- Commencement of legislative amendments to mandatory reporting requirements
- Launch of our first consumer campaign on cosmetic procedures.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

21 April 2020.

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