

Agency Management Committee communiqué

March 2021

The [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) met on Tuesday, 16 March 2021 via videoconference. 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.

CEO report

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

- Follow up on issues arising from the recent Ahpra briefing of the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee
- The comprehensive and extensive work that has been undertaken to prepare the cost allocation model which has also been externally reviewed. Members discussed the likely impacts of the model on those national boards that may require increases in registration fees
- The first virtual NRAS Combined Meeting commenced Monday 15 March with a strong opening plenary
- The considerable media interest in the *Taking care* podcast released on the 10 March featuring how Chief Health Officers Dr Brett Sutton and Dr Jeanette Young managed the pressures of responding to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.

Business items

In other business items the Committee:

- endorsed the updated Terms of reference and approach for identifying proposed members of the independent accreditation committee
- approved the final revised Research and evaluation framework and the updated infographic research priorities
- discussed the budget assumptions FY2021/22 which have been endorsed by the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee, and
- discussed the overall findings and the recommendations with specific relevance to the National Scheme in relation to the registration of the personal care workforce and accreditation.

Workshop on consultation for legislative amendments (draft Bill)

Members held a combined workshop with the Forum of NRAS Chairs to provide their perspectives to inform the development of an appropriate response to the two key reforms along with identifying any other areas of significance in the tranche 2 legislative amendments.

Members welcomed the inclusion of a cultural safety principle for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the commitment to eliminate racism from provision to health services and agreed the proposed Ministerial Council delegations would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Scheme.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

20 April 2021