

## Agency Management Committee communiqué

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### April 2021

The [Agency Management Committee](#) (AManC) met on Tuesday, 20 April 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:

- the extension of the pandemic sub-register for specific professions at the request of the federal Minister for Health, noting that those practitioners will be limited to supporting the vaccine roll-out,
- an update on the CEO meeting with the Health Chief Executives Forum on 15 April 2021 regarding the Senate Inquiry,
- the launch of the Ahpra Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan,
- update on discussions with the federal Department of Health on the Commonwealth response to specific recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aged Care Quality and Safety,
- an update on Commonwealth Government changes to the Health Insurance Act 1973 which mean that GP access to Medicare rebates will be linked to specialist registration with the Medical Board of Australia (MBA). Ahpra and the MBA, with the support of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, are undertaking an awareness campaign for the approximately 4000 general practitioners who will need to apply for specialist registration by mid-June for their patients to qualify for this ongoing rebate,
- preliminary and positive evaluation feedback on the NRAS Combined meeting for 2021.

### Business items

In other business items the Committee:

- endorsed the draft joint on proposed amendments to the National Law submission from Ahpra and National Boards with the recommended changes to page 58.
- approved the draft data strategy and data strategy consultation paper for targeted consultation with the Professions Reference Group, Community Reference Group, Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum, and Ahpra's Jurisdictional Advisory Committee.
- approved the Interstate travel for business purposes during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- noted the proposed approach and timing for finalising and submitting a joint submission to the Response to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee inquiry into the administration of registration and notifications by Ahpra.
- noted the update on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy.
- noted the Q1-Q2 strategic performance report 2020-2021.

Next meeting of the Agency Management Committee

18 May 2021