

Ahpra Board communiqué

October 2022

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 18 October in a hybrid capacity with some members attending face to face in Melbourne and others by 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 highlighting:

- completion of transition arrangements for the pandemic sub-register
- next steps for the National Cabinet submission on health workforce
- further work on our cyber security controls and posture in the light of the Optus data breach
- submission of Annual Report by statutory timeframe of 30 September
- publication of National Boards fees announcement.

The Ahpra Board welcomed Dr Murray Thomas – Chair, Dental Board of Australia who provided his insights on current and future issues from the Dental Board of Australia.

Another key presentation was provided on the draft project report of the Expert Advisory Group – *Keeping hope: Identifying and minimising the risk of distress in practitioners involved in a regulatory process*.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- approved the PARC and FARMC annual reports for 2021/22 which will be published on the Ahpra website
- approved the recommendation for annual sitting fees and stipends for National Boards
- discussed the draft workforce strategy and National Cabinet submission
- noted a presentation on the Notifications strategy (aged notifications)
- received an update on the Cosmetic surgery review implementation
- noted and approved the governance documentation updates to reflect the AManC change to Ahpra Board as per the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) which was passed in the Queensland Parliament on 13 October.

The next business meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for 15 November 2022 in the Melbourne office.