



Health Ministers Meeting Communiqué

17 April 2023

Health Ministers announce National Board appointments

Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), are very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner members and community members to fill vacancies arising across nine National Boards regulating health professions under the National Scheme.

The vacancies are primarily a result of the scheduled expiry of terms for a Chair, practitioner members and community members appointed to National Boards by the Ministerial Council in 2019. Other vacancies on National Boards have also been filled through this process. The vacancies were advertised in the national metropolitan press and on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and respective National Board websites earlier this year.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the **attachment** to this communiqué.

The appointment process enables renewal across the membership of National Boards and enables Ministers to consider the mix and balance of skills, experience and attributes that members may bring to the relevant board. There is an opportunity to introduce new members to bring a fresh perspective to the regulatory work of the boards and the National Scheme.

Ministers were pleased with the response to the call for registered practitioners and members of the community to apply for appointment to the National Boards and thanked everyone who took the time to apply. Overall, 81 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 36 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 45 applications for community member vacancies.

Ministers acknowledged all outgoing board members and thanked them for their service. These members' contributions to health practitioner regulation from first appointment to now have been outstanding.

Finally, a warm welcome was extended to all new and returning members and Chair. Ministers thanked them for expressing their interest in, and commitment to, the principles of the National Scheme and the regulation of health practitioners in the public interest and wished them well over the coming years with their important regulatory roles.

The appointments are made under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory and are consistent with the *National Board Member Succession Planning Principles*.

There are two vacancies remaining that will be further advertised:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia for a practitioner member from Western Australia, and
- Psychology Board of Australia for a practitioner member from the Northern Territory.

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Attachment

Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Ministerial Council on 15 March 2023 under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* as in force in each state and territory, for terms as indicated below.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia

Mrs Danielle Martin Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (first term) from 28 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au/>

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Mrs Stephanie Campbell Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 30 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/>

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

Ms Cara Miller Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from South Australia (third term) for a period of three years from 31 March 2023

Mr Brendan McKernan Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 28 March 2023

Mr Richard Bialkowski Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 29 March 2023

Miss Lucy Galloway Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (first term) from 27 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Ms Penelope Marshall Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 27 March 2023

Mrs Theresa Best Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 28 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/>

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

Ms Kate Andrews Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 28 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/>

Optometry Board of Australia

Prof Sharon Bentley Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (first term) from 27 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.optometryboard.gov.au/>

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Mrs Marcella Lazarus Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 27 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/>

Paramedicine Board of Australia

Mrs Tiina-Liisa Sexton Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 30 March 2023

Mrs Kate Griggs Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 29 March 2023

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.paramedicineboard.gov.au/>