



Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

14 November 2023

Health Ministers announce Ahpra Board appointments

Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), are very pleased to announce the appointments of members to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation (Ahpra) Board. The vacancies arose as a result of the scheduled expiry of terms made by the Ministerial Council in 2020. The appointments are made in accordance with the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory.

The Ministerial Council acknowledged the high standard of applications received. Four current members have been reappointed and four new members have been appointed to the Board. A short biography of each member is attached to this communiqué.

The appointees are as follows:

- Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg AM, reappointed as a member with expertise in education, business and administration from 8 November 2023 for a period of three years.
- Mr Jeffrey Moffet, reappointed as a member with expertise in health from 12 November 2023 for a period of three years
- Mr Lynton Norris, reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration from 9 November 2023 for a period of three years
- Ms Barbara Yeoh AM, reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration from 8 November 2023 for a period of two years
- Mr Andrew Brown, appointed as a new member with expertise in business and administration from 10 November 2023 for a period of three years
- Professor Patricia Davidson AM, appointed as a new member with expertise in health, education and training from 10 November 2023 for a period of three years
- Ms Tanya McGregor, appointed as a new member with expertise in health, education and training, business and administration from 8 November 2023 for a period of three years
- Ms Leanne O'Shannessy PSM, appointed as a new member with expertise in business and administration from 8 November 2023 for a period of three years

Ministers welcomed Mr Brown, Professor Davidson, Ms McGregor and Ms O'Shannessy as new members and wished them well over the coming years in sharing their expertise and experience and contributing to the National Scheme.

The Ministerial Council expressed thanks for the contributions of the reappointed members

whose knowledge and expertise are valued.

Ministers also thanked retiring members Ms Jenny Taing OAM and Dr Susan Young for their contributions over multiple terms to the National Scheme since 2014 and 2017 respectively.

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Attachment A

Information on members of the Ahpra Board.

Appointments

Emeritus Professor Arie Freiberg AM, Victoria

Emeritus Professor Freiberg is reappointed as a member with expertise in education, business and administration. Emeritus Professor Freiberg has extensive experience in regulation and law, previously holding the position of Dean of the Law Faculty at Monash University. He was a member of the Interim Advisory Board of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in Victoria which was responsible in reviewing the EPA's regulatory standards and practices and was also the Chair of the Victorian and Tasmanian Sentencing Advisory Councils. Emeritus Professor Freiberg is currently a member of Energy Safe Victoria's Future Trends Advisory Committee and the Council of the Judicial College of Victoria.

Mr Jeffrey Moffet, Western Australia

Mr Moffet is reappointed as a member with expertise in health. Mr Moffet is the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian County Health Service and was previously the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health in the Northern Territory. He has extensive experience in rural and remote health and is a strong advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. Mr Moffet was previously the Chair of the Health Workforce Principal Committee for the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council and a board member of Health Workforce Australia. Mr Moffet has over 30 years' experience in the health sector and has held various executive roles.

Mr Lynton Norris, Australian Capital Territory

Mr Norris is reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration. Mr Norris was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Funding Body and implemented national health reforms including the establishment of Activity Based Funding governance and grant payment system to all hospital networks. He is a member of the Alfred Health Board and has over 20 years' experience in the private and government sectors. Mr Norris has a strong background in policy development and implementation and compliance and performance reporting.

Ms Barbara Yeoh AM, Victoria

Ms Yeoh is reappointed as a member with expertise in health, business and administration. Ms Yeoh was previously a Director of the Victorian State Emergency Service Authority and served on the Board of Monash Health, Austin Health and Eastern Health in Victoria. She has over 30 years' experience across a range of public and private sector agencies including in the health, education, finance, insurance, transport, technology and infrastructure sectors. Ms Yeoh has also previously served as a Council Member and Deputy Chancellor at Latrobe University.

Mr Andrew Brown, Queensland

Mr Brown is appointed as a member with expertise in business and administration. Mr Brown is the former Health Ombudsman of Queensland, serving in the role for four years until January 2022. He also led the Independent Review of the Regulation of Medical Practitioners Who Perform Cosmetic Surgery on behalf of Ahpra and the Medical Board of Australia. Mr Brown is a lawyer with extensive experience in regulation and complaints management.

Professor Patricia Davidson, New South Wales

Professor Davidson is appointed as a member with expertise in health, education and training. Professor Davidson is an Honorary Professor of Surgery with the University of Newcastle and a registered medical practitioner (specialist in paediatric surgery). She was previously a member of the Council of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, serving as the Censor-in-Chief with responsibility for education and assessment in all 9 specialties across Australia and NZ. Professor Davidson also served on the Australian Medical Council Accreditation Committee for the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and was later elected as President of Children's Healthcare Australasia.

Ms Tanya McGregor, South Australia

Ms McGregor is appointed as a member with expertise in health, education and training, business and administration. Ms McGregor is the Chief Aboriginal Health Officer at SA Health. She has over 15 years' experience developing state-wide strategies and policies to improve Aboriginal health outcomes and community programs across South Australia and the Northern Territory. Ms McGregor is the Chair of the South Australian Aboriginal Cricket Advisory Committee, on the Board of Directors for the Fay Fuller Foundation and a member of the Global Indigenous Runway Advisory Committee.

Ms Leanne O'Shannessy, New South Wales

Ms O'Shannessy is appointed as a member with expertise in business and administration. Ms O'Shannessy is currently General Counsel for NSW Health. She has led major regulatory reforms including establishment of the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission and NSW health privacy. Ms O'Shannessy has extensive experience in health regulation and compliance at both a policy and operational level with expertise in legislation, governance, and risk.

Existing members

Ms Gill Callister PSM, Victoria

Ms Callister is the current Chair and a member with expertise in health, education and training, business and administration. Ms Callister is the CEO of Mind Australia, a community-based mental health organisation, and an Adjunct Professor in Politics at Monash University. She is also the Vice President of Thought Leadership and Ethics and Integrity at the Australia and New Zealand School of Government and was previously appointed as Chair of the Community Services Ministerial Council Officials Committee. Ms Callister was also a former Secretary in the Department of Human Services, Victoria and Department of Education and Training Victoria.

She has demonstrated her experience in managing large and complex service delivery systems in human services, health and education with a strong understanding of the end-to-end design and delivery issues needed for successful outcomes.

Honorary Associate Professor Carmen Parter, New South Wales

Honorary Associate Professor Parter is a current member with expertise in health. Honorary Associate Professor Parter is an Aboriginal woman and Chief Executive Officer of Djurali Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Research & Education Centre. She is also a Senior Research Fellow with the University of Queensland Poche Centre for Indigenous Health and an ambassador for the Mayi Kuwayu Study. Honorary Associate Professor Parter was the inaugural Co-Chair of the Indigenous Working Group of the World Federation of Public Health Association and a member of the Lowitja Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research. Honorary Associate Professor Parter is a former registered nurse and midwife with extensive experience in indigenous health research and policy experience in health, law and justice and child protection at a state and national level.