

Health Ministers’ Meeting Communiqué

29 April 2024

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 Chairs, practitioner members and community members appointed to National Boards by the Ministerial Council in 2021. 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 in March 2023.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the [attachment](#_Attachment) to this communiqué.

The appointment process provides for 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 each 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, 122 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 65 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 57 applications for community member vacancies.

Ministers acknowledged all retiring board members and thanked them for their service - especially those board members who are retiring from the National Boards having served three consecutive terms. These members’ contributions to health practitioner regulation from first appointment in 2014 to now have been outstanding.

Ministers thanked retiring National Board Chairs for their outstanding commitment, leadership, dedication and contribution to the National Scheme and health practitioner regulation and wished them all the best for their future endeavours. Mrs Renee Owen, Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia was appointed as Chair in 2017 and first appointed in 2011 as an inaugural member of the Board; and Ms Julie Brayshaw, Chair of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia was appointed as Chair in 2016 and first appointed in 2011 as an inaugural member of the Board.

Ministers congratulated current and returning practitioner members to their new roles: Ms Iris Raye as Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia, Ms Rebecca Singh as Chair of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia, and Mr Stuart Aamodt as Chair of the Optometry Board of Australia. Their succession to these leadership roles reflects the depth and breadth of their skills and experience from serving on the National Boards and as practitioners from their respective professions.

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 on the following National Boards that will be further advertised:

* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia for a practitioner member from Western Australia, and
* Chinese Medicine Board of Australia for a practitioner member from Queensland.

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# Attachment: Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Ministerial Council on 1 March 2024 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

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Ms Iris Raye  | Appointed as Chair (first term) from 20 March 2024 until 12 March 2025, the end of her practitioner member appointment |
| Mr Christopher O’Brien  | Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024 |
| Ms Leanne Quirino  | Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 21 March 2024 |
| Ms Abbey Shillingford  | Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 April 2024 |
| Mrs Margaret McCallum  | Reappointed as a community for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024 |
| Miss Jessica Mitchell | Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 22 March 2024 |
| Mr Steven Satour | Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024 |

## Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Professor Chi Eung Danforn Lim  | Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024  |
| Ms Dina Tsiopelas  | Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 20 March 2024 |
| Dr Johannah Planche  | Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024 |
| Mr Luke Hubbard  | Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024 |
| Ms Sophy Athan  | Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024 |
| Mr Craig Bennett | Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 16 April 2024 |

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

## Chiropractic Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Dr Samuel Millard | Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |
| Ms Emma Slaytor | Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |

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

## Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Mr Anthony Buxton | Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 20 March 2024 |
| Mr Travis Pearson | Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 19 March 2024 |
| Ms Joan Burns | Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 28 March 2024 |
| Mrs Shannon Crick | Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024 |
| Ms Suzanne McGavin | Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 25 March 2024 |
| Mrs Monique Gaspar | Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024 |

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

## Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Ms Alison Verhoeven | Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |

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

## Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Ms Rebecca Singh  | Appointed as Chair (first term) and reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024 |
| Ms Angela Thynne  | Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term) from 27 March 2024 |
| Dr Claire Pearce  | Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024 |
| Dr Justin Scanlan  | Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 20 March 2024 |
| Mr Darryl Annett | Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024 |
| Dr Tracey Harbour | Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |

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

## Optometry Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Mr Stuart Aamodt | Appointed as Chair (first term) from 19 March 2024 until 8 December 2024, the end of his practitioner member appointment |
| Mr Terence Wong | Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |

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

## Osteopathy Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Dr Paul Orrock  | Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024 |
| Miss Katherine Locke | Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |

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

## Paramedicine Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Prof Stephen Gough ASM | Reappointed as Chair (third term) and as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 20 March 2024 |
| Ms Clare Beech  | Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 28 March 2024 |
| Mr Keith Driscoll ASM | Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 28 March 2024 |
| Ms Angela Wright | Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024 |
| Ms Linda Renouf | Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024 |
| Dr Simon Sawyer | Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |
| Mr Samuel Perillo | Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024 |

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

## Psychology Board of Australia

| Name | Appointment details |
| --- | --- |
| Ms Sheena Neill  | Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024 |

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