



## Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

3 December 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 13 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 January 2024.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the **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, 375 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 269 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 106 applications for community member vacancies.

Ministers acknowledged all retiring Board members and thanked them for their service – noting 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 2015 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. Dr Murray Thomas, Dental Board of Australia; Mr Brett Simmonds, Pharmacy Board of Australia; and Ms Kim Gibson, Physiotherapy Board of Australia were first appointed in 2012 as members and as Chairs in 2018. They are joined by Dr Anne Tonkin AO, Medical Board of Australia and Professor Cylie Williams PhD, Podiatry Board of Australia, who were first appointed as members in 2015 and as Chairs in 2018.

Ministers congratulated returning practitioner members to their new roles: Dr Simon Shanahan as Chair of the Dental Board of Australia; Dr Susan O'Dwyer as Chair of the Medical Board of Australia; Dr Cameron Phillips PhD as Chair of the Pharmacy Board of Australia; Dr Paula Harding PhD as Chair of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia, and Dr Kristy Robson PhD as Chair of the Podiatry 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 Chairs. 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 10 vacancies on the following National Boards that were re-advertised:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia - practitioner member from Western Australia
- Chiropractic Board of Australia - practitioner member from Victoria
- Dental Board of Australia - practitioner member from the Northern Territory
- Medical Board of Australia - practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory
- Optometry Board of Australia - practitioner member from Victoria and a community member
- Osteopathy Board of Australia - community member
- Pharmacy Board of Australia - practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory and a community member, and
- Psychology Board of Australia - practitioner member from Western Australia.

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## Attachment

### Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Ministerial Council on 29 October 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

Ms Iris Raye	Reappointed as Chair and practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (the Northern Territory) for a period of 3 years from 13 March 2025 (second term)
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All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au/>

#### Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Ms Bing Tian	Reappointed as practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (the Australian Capital Territory) for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (third term)
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Mr Simon Want	Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 21 November 2024 (first term)
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All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/>

#### Chiropractic Board of Australia

Mr Michael Shobbrook	Reappointed as practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (the Australian Capital Territory) for a period of 3 years from 22 November 2024 (second term)
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Dr Abbey Chilcott	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (third term)
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Mrs Kristin Grace	Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 23 November 2024 (first term)
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Mr Kenneth Riddiford	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 22 November 2024 (second term)
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Mrs Colleen Papadopoulos	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 24 November 2024 (second term)
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All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/>

**Dental Board of Australia**

Dr Simon Shanahan	Appointed as Chair (first term) and reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia (second term) for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024
Dr Penelope Burns	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (third term)
Prof Richard Logan	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 1 December 2024 (third term)
Mr Tan Nguyen	Reappointed as practitioner member Victoria for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (third term)
Dr Kerrie O'Rourke	Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (first term)
Miss Ariane Anderson	Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (first term)
Dr Ioan Jones	Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (first term)
Dr Craig Zimitat	Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 1 December 2024 (first term; was previously appointed to the Chinese Medicine Board)
Ms Penny Lello	Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (first term)
Ms Gulnara Abbasova	Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 1 December 2024 (first term)
Dr Rhonda Cumberland	Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (first term)

**Medical Board of Australia**

Dr Susan O'Dwyer	Appointed as Chair (first term) and reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (fourth term)
Dr Andrew Mulcahy	Reappointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 3 December 2024 (third term)
Dr Daniel Heredia	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (second term)
Dr Aidan Tan	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 7 December 2024 (first term)
Dr Hemanshu Patel	Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 10 December 2024 (first term)
Assoc Prof Mary White	Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (first term)

Assoc Prof Kudzai Kanhutu	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 9 December 2024 (first term)
Ms Eileen Jerga	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (third term)
Ms Christine Gee AO	Appointed as community member from for a period of 3 years from 5 December 2024 (first term)
Mr Ian Lee	Appointed as community member from for a period of 3 years from 7 December 2024 (first term)

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

### **Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia**

Mr David Carpenter	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 23 November 2024 (third term)
Ms Catherine Schofield	Reappointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (third term)
Ms Felicity Dalzell	Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 9 November 2024 (first term)
Miss Rebecca North	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 25 November 2024 (first term)
Dr Catherine Stoddart	Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 23 November 2024 (first term)
Ms Sonja Ilievska	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 23 November 2024 (second term)
Ms Louise Southalan	Appointed as community member from for a period of 3 years from 14 November 2024 (first term)

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 Amrita Sinha	Appointed as practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (Tasmania) for a period of 3 years from 16 December 2024 (first term)
Miss Jennifer Morris	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 9 December 2024 (second term)
Prof Petrina Coventry	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 3 December 2024 (first term; previously appointed to the Psychology Board)

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**

Mr Stuart Aamodt	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 9 December 2024 (third term)
Miss Renee Slunjski	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (second term)
Ms Ingrid Diep	Appointed as practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (the Northern Territory) for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (first term)
Mr Benjamin Graham	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 13 December 2024 (second term)
Dr Amanda Mead	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (first term)

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**

Dr Rebecca Malon	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 1 December 2024 (second term)
Ms Robyn Davis	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (second term)

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

### **Pharmacy Board of Australia**

Dr Cameron Phillips	Appointed as Chair (first term) and as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 29 November 2024
Ms Hannah Mann	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (third term)
Mr Adrian Lee	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 7 November 2024 (first term)
Mr Tobias Speare	Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 10 December 2024 (first term)
Ms Shana Valentine	Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 1 December 2024 (first term)
Mr Richard (Rhys) Jones	Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (first term)
Dr Tim Tran	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (first term)
Ms Melissa Cadzow	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 29 December 2024 (third term)

Dr Suzanne Martin	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 December 2024 (third term)
Dr Janet Preuss	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 1 December 2024 (second term)

### **Physiotherapy Board of Australia**

Dr Paula Harding	Appointed as Chair (first term) and as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (third term) from 1 December 2024
Ms Sally Adamson	Reappointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 28 November 2024 (third term)
Prof Sheila Lennon	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (third term)
Mr Simon Watt	Reappointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (second term)
Ms Carolyn O'Mahoney	Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 3 December 2024 (first term)
Mrs Shellie Burgess	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 29 November 2024 (first term)
Prof Wayne Hing	Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 29 November 2024 (first term)
Mr Daniel Mahony	Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 28 November 2024 (first term)
Ms Rosemary Mathlin	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 26 November 2024 (third term)
Ms Emma Jarvis	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 7 November 2024 (first term)
Mr Andrew Mitchell	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 27 November 2024 (first term)
Mr Steven Price	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (first term)

### **Podiatry Board of Australia**

Dr Kristy Robson	Appointed as Chair (first term) and as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 7 December 2024
Mr Anthony Short	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (second term)
Dr Helen Banwell	Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (first term)
Miss Jill Walsh	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (first term)

Dr Deborah Schoen	Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (first term)
Dr Jennifer Sonter	Appointed as practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (the Australian Capital Territory) for a period of 3 years from 9 December 2024 (first term)
Dr Rebecca Jenkinson	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (first term)
Prof Darryl O'Donnell	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 21 November 2024 (first term)

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

### **Psychology Board of Australia**

Ms Rachel Phillips	Reappointed as Chair (third term) and as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (fourth term) from 3 December 2024
Mr Timothy Ridgway	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 13 December 2024 (third term)
Mr Sean Hambrook	Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 8 December 2024 (first term)
Prof Christopher Willcox	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 6 December 2024 (first term)
Ms Tahnee McBean	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 15 December 2024 (first term)
Ms Miranda Bruyniks	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (second term)
Ms Susan Benedyka	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 13 December 2024 (first term)
Prof Judith Walker	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 2 December 2024 (first term)
Mr Constantine Loucopoulos	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 3 December 2024 (first term)

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