

Ahpra Board communiqué

October 2023

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 17 October 2023 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:

- global recognition of the work of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit through receiving the 2023 Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation Regulatory Excellence Award for its anti-racism and cultural safety work
- publication of the final set of Medical Education Modules designed to help medical students understand regulation and the importance of professionalism and good communication
- submission of the annual report to the Ministerial Council on 27 September with a proposed publication date in mid-November (subject to tabling)
- announcement of new National Board appointments, including the appointment of a new National Board Chair and five new members, including two Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members
- the launch of a revamped regulatory governance professional development program for National Boards and their committees.

Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- approved a salary increase of 3.0% from the first pay period after 1 July 2023 for all eligible contracted employees who met the achieved rating as part of their performance review for 22/23
- discussed the draft terms of reference for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group
- approved the appointment of ACT Health and SA Health as the new National Scheme Human Research Ethics Committees.
- noted the Health, safety and wellbeing (HSW) quarterly report – Q1 FY 2023-24.
- considered the draft National Scheme Environmental Sustainability Strategy
- noted the Strategic performance report as at end of Q4 2022/2023

Members received a presentation from the Chair of the Community Advisory Council providing an update on the current activities of the Council.

The next meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for Tuesday 14 November 2023.