

Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 30 May2014

The Board held its meeting in Tasmania at the Hobart AHPRA office.

Meetings in Hobart

The Board met with local stakeholders to coincide with its Board meeting in Hobart. This provided an opportunity for Board members to discuss issues regarding the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme and local practice.

The Chair of the Board also gave a presentation to local podiatrists on the Board's *Guidelines for advertising regulated health services* and *Social media policy* as well as practitioner's professional obligations under the Board's *Code of Conduct.*

Public consultation on registration standards and guidelines

As part of a scheduled review of the registration standards that have been in place since 1 July 2010, the Board is currently consulting on the following proposed revised registration standards and guidelines:

- Professional indemnity insurance registration standard
- Continuing professional development registration standard and related guidelines
- · Recency of practice registration standard and related guideline
- Guidelines for infection control

The Board has not proposed major changes and the draft standards are broadly similar to the current registration standards. The proposed changes reflect feedback from registrants and other stakeholders and the Board has also considered its experience with the standards over the past four years of operating in the National Scheme. The language in the revised registration standards has been simplified and the standards restructured to make them clearer.

The consultation papers are published under **Current consultations** on the Board's website.

Written submissions are required by **close of business on Monday**, **14 July 2014**. The Board encourages you to provide feedback on the proposed standards and guidelines.

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As part of listening and responding to community queries and discussion, you can now find AHPRA on Twitter at <u>@AHPRA</u>,

AHPRA will regularly host twitter chats about important topics, and will use this forum to try and get more feedback to National Board consultations.

Further information

The Board is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

Further information about the Board can be found on the <u>Board's website</u> and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting their profession.

Cathy Loughry Chair Podiatry Board of Australia 10 June 2014