



Communiqué

May 2017

The Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board) meets each month to consider and decide on matters related to its regulatory functions under the National Law¹ and within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué highlights key matters from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

May 2017 meeting

The Board held its meeting at the AHPRA National office in Melbourne on 24 May 2017.

Board presentation at the Australasian Podiatry Conference 2017

The Board's meeting coincided with the Australasian Podiatry Conference which was held in Melbourne from 24 to 26 May 2017. The Board took the opportunity to give a presentation at the conference on the overarching themes identified through an analysis of complaints or concerns (called 'notifications' in the National Law) received by the Board about podiatrists and podiatric surgeons between July 2010 and June 2014.

The aim of the presentation was to share the key themes from the analysis with the profession and encourage podiatrists and podiatric surgeons to reflect on their own practice; identify areas for improvement; and undertake professional development activities to achieve their learning goals.

Appointment to the Registration and Notifications Committee

The Board has a Registration and Notifications Committee (RNC) which consists of practitioner and community members. The role of the RNC is to make decisions about individual registration and notification matters, based on the national policies and standards set by the Board. The Board has delegated the necessary powers to the RNC to enable it to carry out these functions.

Following a call for applications, the Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Anthony Short as a practitioner member to the Board's RNC.

AHPRA and National Boards note Senate report

AHPRA and the National Boards have noted the [report](#) of the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs into the complaints mechanism administered under the National Law. AHPRA and the National Boards will consider the Senate's 14 recommendations in determining actions to further improve the complaints process.

Registration opens for CLEAR

The Fifth International Congress on Professional and Occupational Regulation will be held this November in Melbourne. The congress provides an opportunity for regulatory stakeholders from around the world to come together and share global perspectives on licensure and regulation.

Additional information about the conference, including how to register, is on the AHPRA [website](#).

¹ The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

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Further information

The Board publishes a range of information for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons on its [website](#) and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting the podiatry profession.

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme please refer to the information published on www.ahpra.gov.au. Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

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