

Communiqué

30 July 2015 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 70th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 30 July 2015 in Melbourne. The Board publishes this communiqué on our website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

Panels – recruitment to list of panel members

The Board invites osteopaths to express interest in being added to a list of panel members to be called on when a performance and professional standards panel or a health panel hearing is required.

These panels may be infrequent, but being involved is an opportunity to become familiar with the types of notifications that the Board receives and the legislation that governs osteopathy practice, decision-making and administration under the National Law. It is also a good way to be introduced to the work of regulators.

There is training available for panel members once appointed. Appointments to the list of approved persons are currently advertised by the Board. For more information, visit the Panel member recruitment page on the AHPRA website. **The closing date is 26 August 2015**

Student engagement

The Board is developing a number of ways to engage with final year students prior to graduation to outline applying for registration, the responsibilities of registered practitioners and the role of the Board and AHPRA. As Chair of the Board, I will be presenting to final year students in Melbourne and Lismore in the next month.

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AHPRA uses <u>Twitter</u> to encourage greater discussion about National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au. Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

Dr Nikole Grbin (Osteopath) Chair Osteopathy Board of Australia

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