



## **Communiqué**

### **Eleventh Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 27 August 2010**

The eleventh meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 27 August 2010 in Melbourne.

#### **Communication**

The Board discussed ways to improve its communication with osteopaths, and agreed that it would increase its focus on communication for the rest of 2010 – 2011. To facilitate this, the Board is collecting email addresses from registered osteopaths.

As part of the transition to national registration, AHPRA is writing to all registered practitioners to provide new registration numbers, a user ID and password so they can login and update their personal details. When you receive this information, please log in and add your email address to your contact details, so we can communicate with you more easily.

#### **Limited registration for osteopaths**

The Board agreed to develop registration standards for limited registration in the public interest and limited registration for postgraduate training and supervised practice. The Board will consider draft registration standards at its 23 September 2010 meeting and expects to release the draft standards for consultation shortly afterwards.

#### **Revised ANZOC Accreditation Standards**

The Board considered the revised Accreditation Policy submitted by the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC), which includes revised Accreditation Standards. The Board approved the revised Accreditation Standards under section 47 of the National Law. The Board noted ANZOC's advice that a full review of the Accreditation Standards is scheduled for 2011. The revised Accreditation Policy, incorporating the Standards, will be published on the Board's website shortly.

#### **Notifications**

The Board received a report on registration and notifications from its Registration and Notifications Committee.

#### **Joint meeting of National Boards**

On 28 August, Board members met with members of all National Boards, the Agency Management Committee and AHPRA Senior Executive to review the last year, consider regulatory issues and approaches and plan for the next 12 months. The meeting included a presentation from Mr Harry Cayton, Chief Executive of the United Kingdom Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence on 'right-touch' regulation.

#### **Consultation paper on work with United Kingdom and New Zealand regulators**

The Board will shortly release a consultation paper on its work with the United Kingdom General Osteopathic Council and the New Zealand Osteopathic Council towards simplifying the registration

process for osteopaths moving between Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The Consultation Paper will be published on the Board's website at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au).

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