



## Communiqué

### Twenty seventh Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 15 December 2011

The twenty seventh meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 15 December 2011 in Melbourne. The Board is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

### Capabilities for Experienced Osteopathic Practice project

The Board has re-released a request for quote for developing the *Capabilities for Experienced Osteopathic Practice*. The invitation to quote is open to individual practitioners with an interest in research and assessment, universities, accreditation councils and associations.

The successful contractor or consortium will continue the work started by the University of Technology Sydney on *Capabilities for Osteopathic Practice*.

The Board proposes to further develop the capabilities framework in relation to experienced osteopathic practice of at least five years. Further information is available at: [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au)

The closing date for the receipt of submissions by the Board is 15 March 2012. Previous interested applicants are invited to submit an application.

### Stakeholder engagement

The Board has continued regular teleconference meetings with the Executives of the Australian Osteopathic Association, the Chiropractic and Osteopathic College of Australasia and the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council.

### Qualifications for general registration

Under section 49(1) of the National Law, the Board has approved the accredited Bachelor of Applied Science (Complementary Medicine) / Master of Osteopathy at RMIT University. This course is now approved as providing a qualification for the purpose of registration in the osteopathy profession for a period of five years from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2016.

### Expressions of Interest: Panel Member List

As outlined in the last communiqué, the Board is responsible for the registration of osteopaths, setting professional standards and managing notifications (complaints) against osteopaths. The Board may form Health Panels and Performance & Professional Standards Panels, using a list of Board-approved persons.

The Board is inviting expressions of interest for its panel member list and information about the expression of interest process is on its website at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au). Applications will close on 6 April 2012.

### **Communication**

The Board encourages all osteopaths to provide their email address to AHPRA to help the Board to communicate effectively, and to send registration reminders and the Board's regular newsletter.

### **Best wishes from the Board**

The Board would like to wish osteopaths and its stakeholders a happy and safe holiday period and looks forward to working with you again in 2012.

Dr Robert Fendall  
Chair  
Osteopathy Board of Australia  
19 December 2011