



Communiqué

2 May 2013 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 44th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 2 May 2013 in Melbourne. This communiqué outlines the issues discussed and decisions made by the Board at its meeting and other points of interest. The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders.

Meetings with stakeholders and registrants

The Chair and two practitioner members of the Board met with a number of stakeholders in Perth on 26 April 2013 to discuss regulation and accreditation issues of mutual interest, including: the Australian Osteopathic Association; Osteopathy New Zealand; the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council; the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand; and the Osteopathy Council of New South Wales. Discussions were also held at the AHPRA Office in Perth with the Manager of the WA Office and senior registrations and notifications staff.

Also on 26 April 2013, the Board held an event for practitioners in Perth and those interested in the work of the Board and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

Reviews of standards, guidelines and codes

All the National Boards in the National Scheme are continuing their planned review of registration standards and supporting guidelines. Public consultation of these reviewed documents will occur progressively over the coming months.

Quarterly registration data released

The Board has released quarterly registration data. The data profiles Australia's osteopathy workforce, including information on principal place of practice, registrant age and gender. Publication of quarterly data that accurately reflects the number of registered health practitioners is one essential benefit of the National Scheme. The National Scheme requires that information about every registered health practitioner in Australia is published on a single national register of practitioners which is published online.

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, registration data, newsletters, and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

Dr Robert Fendall (Osteopath)
Chair

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