



Communiqué

30 May 2013 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 45th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 30 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.

Newsletter

The Board has released its latest edition of the electronic newsletter: *Registrant Update*. The newsletter is sent to the email address of registered osteopaths who have provided this address to AHPRA. It is also published on the Board's [website](#).

Strategic Planning

The Board approved its strategic plan, business plan and budget for 2013-14. These documents will form part of the *Health Profession Agreement* (HPA) that will outline the services that AHPRA will provide to the Board in 2013-14. When finalised and approved, the HPA will be published on the Board's website in the interests of transparency and accountability.

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.

Community Reference Group

The National Board noted the appointment of the [community reference group](#). The group is an important addition to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme in that it will advise AHPRA and the National Boards on ways to engage more effectively with communities. The group has its first meeting in early June.

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 [Osteopathy Board of Australia](#). Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news, registration data, newsletters, and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

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Chair

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