



Communiqué

30 May 2014 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 57th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 30 May 2014 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 10th edition focuses exclusively on the revised and new common codes and guidelines:

- revised *Guidelines for advertising regulated health services*
- revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications*
- revised *Code of conduct*, and
- new *Social media policy*.

These guidelines, policy and code came into effect on 17 March 2014, and all registered health practitioners need to meet these new standards.

In response to feedback, the *Guidelines for advertising regulated health services (Advertising guidelines)* were clarified in an update published by the National Boards on 20 May 2014. Much of the feedback that was received about the *Advertising guidelines* released in March concerned the ban on using testimonials in advertising a regulated health service. For more information on this revision, visit the [News](#) section on the Osteopathy Board of Australia website.

New Zealand conference and meetings

The Chair and Executive Officer of the Board held meetings with the Chair of the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand and the Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council on 27 May 2014. They also attended the Health Regulatory Authorities of New Zealand conference in Wellington on 27 and 28 May 2014.

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 Robert Fendall (Osteopath)

Chair

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