



## Communiqué

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### September 2019 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 116<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 20 September 2019 by teleconference. The Registration and Notification Committee (RNC) also met on the same day as the Board meeting.

The Board publishes this communiqué on our website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. At each meeting the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

#### Board positions advertised online

Upcoming vacancies are currently advertised for practitioner members of the Osteopathy Board of Australia from Victoria, South Australia, and a practitioner member from either Tasmania, Northern Territory or Australian Capital Territory. The role of Chair of the Board is also being advertised.

All National Board appointments are made by the COAG Health Council. If you are interested, please visit the [AHPRA National Boards recruitment page](#) to download the information guide and application form. More information is provided about eligibility requirements specific to these advertised vacancies, National Board member roles and the application process.

For enquiries, please contact statutory appointments on [statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au). The closing date is **Monday 21 October 2019** at 5pm AEST

#### Board sets registration fee for 2019/20

The registration fee for osteopaths has been frozen at \$376. The fee for practitioners whose principal place of practice is New South Wales<sup>1</sup> is \$525. A full [fee schedule](#) is published on the Board's website.

The National Scheme is funded by health practitioners' registration fees. More detailed information about the Board's financial operations is outlined in the health profession agreement between the Board and AHPRA for 2016/20, which is published on the Board's [website](#).

#### Osteopathy clinical advisers

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is currently advertising osteopathy clinical advisor [roles](#).

The positions will be available in any location and be flexible in nature. The clinical advisor will contribute to a risk-based approach by providing AHPRA staff with clinical input into notification, compliance and registration matters.

Role duties include:

- providing clinical input to AHPRA staff on the management of cases
- reviewing briefing information sent to external parties
- reviewing responses from practitioners, and
- helping AHPRA staff understand and interpret clinical material.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW is a co-regulatory jurisdiction.

### Follow AHPRA on social media

Connect with AHPRA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to receive up to date information about important topics for your profession and participate in the discussion.



### Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information and resources about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on their website at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au). Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting their profession.

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme please refer to the information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au). Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

### **Dr Nikole Grbin (Osteopath)**

Chair

Osteopathy Board of Australia

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