

Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

February 2018 meeting

The 72nd meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 27 February 2018 in Melbourne.

This communiqué provides details on the main decisions made at the meeting. It is also published on the Board's website and an announcement via email is sent to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward the communiqué to colleagues who may be interested in the Board's work.

Upcoming forum: invitation for Chinese medicine practitioners, students and stakeholders

The Board is inviting Chinese medicine practitioners, students and stakeholders of Chinese medicine to attend information forums being held around Australia. The next forum is to be held in Perth, Western Australia.

State	Dates	Time
Perth, WA	<p>Monday 19 March 2018</p> <p>Venue: Perth ATI Mirage Cloisters level 1, 863 Hay St Perth WA 6000</p> <p>RSVP to cmbaupdate@ahpra.gov.au by 5.00pm Thursday 15 March 2018</p>	6:00pm to 7:30pm

There will be a Board presentation and time for questions and discussion, then networking and light refreshments.

Please put this date in the diary for planning purposes and when invitees receive the invitation or see the forum details published on the website www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au, please RSVP your attendance.

Registered practitioners will receive recognition of 1.5 continuing professional development (CPD) hours for attending this forum.

New Term for Board

As a new term began for Board members we said farewell with deep gratitude to Professor Craig Zimitat, who had served on the Board as a Community Member since 1 July 2014. Craig chaired the Board's Registration and Notifications Committee (RNC) during the grandparenting period, which was extremely challenging. He was also Deputy Chair of the Board as well as Chair of the Multi-profession Immediate Action Committee. Now located in Western Australia (WA), he is serving as a member of the WA Immediate Action Committee and the RNC for the Dental Board of Australia.

We are pleased to also welcome a new Board member, Mr David Brereton, as a Community Member. David is a retired member of the Australian Public Service with a career spanning 34 years, the last 20 of which was spent at senior management and executive levels. He is also a Community Member of the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia.

To kick off the year of regulatory work ahead, the Board held a planning day in early February 2018 to review its work to date and plan its regulatory priorities for the next three years.

Governance and committee review

The Board revised the terms of reference for its two committees - the Registration and Notifications Committee and Policy, Planning and Communications Committee - and will publish the revisions soon.

The Board also revised the membership of the Registration and Notifications Committee as follows:

- a. existing members LZ Chen, R Martin, J Ryan and V Ryan to continue
- b. new member D Brereton appointed to the Committee
- c. D Brereton appointed as Chair, and
- d. R Martin appointed as Deputy Chair.

The Board also revised the membership of the Policy, Planning and Communications Committee as follows:

- a. existing members C Berle, D Graham, D Lai and B May to continue
- b. D Graham to continue as Chair; and
- c. D Lai appointed as Deputy Chair.

Upcoming public consultation: revised continuing professional development, professional indemnity insurance and recency of practice registration standards and related guidelines

The Board will soon released a public consultation paper on the review of the revised continuing professional development (CPD), professional Indemnity insurance (PII) and recency of practice (ROP) standards and related guidelines.

The revised registration standards set out the Board's minimum requirements for CPD, PII arrangements and ROP for Chinese medicine practitioners.

Along with other National Boards, the Board has reviewed the current registration standards and related guidelines in keeping with good regulatory practice and will seek feedback from the profession, stakeholders and the community on the proposed revised standard and related guidelines.

Any changes made to the approved revised registration standards and guidelines after public consultation will have a period of transition to support the profession in adapting to these changes.

The public consultation paper will soon be available on the [Current consultations page](#).

Guide for National Boards on endorsement for scheduled medicines released

In 2016 the Ministerial Council endorsed the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council's *Guidance for National Boards: Applications to the Ministerial Council for approval of endorsements in relation to scheduled medicines under section 14 of the National Law* (the AHMAC Guidance).

AHPRA has released a guide for National Boards on endorsement for scheduled medicines.

Any proposal to amend an existing endorsement may be initiated by government(s), consumers and/or professional associations. These stakeholders may make a representation to a National Board on the regulatory need for an endorsement variation. Any representation to a National Board would be expected to address the issues outlined in the concept development section of the guide.

The AHPRA Guide is now available together with the AHMAC Guidance on the [Endorsement for scheduled medicines](#) section of the AHPRA website.

See AHPRA's [news item](#) for more information.

Self-assessment tool launched to help practitioners and advertisers

As part of the [Advertising compliance and enforcement strategy for the National Scheme](#), new resources have been made available to help practitioners and advertisers check and correct their advertising so it complies with their professional and legal obligations. Such resources include a [summary of advertising obligations](#), [frequently asked questions](#), tips on [words to be wary about](#) and examples of [compliant and non-compliant advertising](#) for all professions and for [Chinese medicine](#) specifically.

The latest resource - the [self-assessment tool](#) - is now available in the [Advertising resources](#) section on the AHPRA website.

Quarterly registration data released

The Board has released its quarterly registration data. Read the latest report and other statistics on our [statistics page](#).

Updating your contact details

To check or update the contact details you have lodged with AHPRA, access the online services panel for practitioners on the [home page](#) of the Board's website and click *Update your contact details*. Enter your user ID, date of birth and password (please note that your user ID is not your registration number). If you can't remember your user ID or password, [contact us online](#) or phone 1300 419 495 for help.

Follow AHPRA on social media

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Important information for practitioners

The Board publishes a range of information about registration, including its expectations of practitioners, at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au.

For more details or help with questions about your registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, refer to information published on www.ahpra.gov.au or [contact AHPRA](#), send an [online enquiry form](#) or call on 1300 419 495.

Professor Charlie C Xue

Chair

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

27 February 2018

The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia is the regulator of Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia and acts to protect the public by ensuring that suitably qualified and competent Chinese medicine practitioners are registered. The Board is responsible for developing registration standards, codes and guidelines for Chinese medicine practitioners and managing notifications (complaints) about Chinese medicine practitioners and Chinese medicine students. The Board does this through its powers under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Board's work in regulating Australia's Chinese medicine practitioners in the public interest is underpinned by regulatory principles, which encourage a responsive, risk-based approach to regulation.*

**Except in NSW and Qld which have co-regulatory arrangements.*