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Australia's accreditation authorities
for regulated health professionals

Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – March 2019 meeting

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the Forum of accreditation authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

This communiqué outlines the main discussions and decisions made at the most recent Forum meeting.

Forum's Strategic Plan 2017 – 2019

The work plan of the Forum is articulated in the Forum's Strategic Plan, available on the Forum's website here: <http://www.hpacf.org.au/statementsandpositionpapers>.

The projects within the Strategic Plan are advanced at each Forum meeting.

NRAS Accreditation Systems Review, Consultation on Recommendations

Ms Deborah Frew, Director, Workforce Strategy and Culture, Department of Health, NSW met with the Forum to further discuss the consultation on the recommendations from the Accreditation Systems Review (ASR) Final Report, released in late 2018. The consultation is open until 28 March and further information is here <https://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/Projects/Accreditation-Systems-Review>

2019 NRAS Research Summit, 27 February 2019

The theme of the summit was "Optimising research for regulatory effectiveness". The keynote speaker was Professor Zubin Austin, University of Toronto.

The Forum Chair, Ms Bronwyn Clark represented the Forum as a panel member for the session "Partnerships for regulatory effectiveness".

Biannual NRAS Combined Meeting, 28 February 2019

The biannual NRAS Combined Meeting was held between AHPRA, the national boards and accreditation authorities. The Forum Chair, Ms Bronwyn Clark, represented the Forum as a panel member for the session "NRAS at (nearly) 10 years – Where are we now? Where are we going?"

The Forum also met with Mr Martin Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer, AHPRA and Mr Chris Robertson, Executive Director Strategy and Policy, AHPRA, at its meeting on 1 March 2019.

Accreditation Snapshot

The Forum is assisting the Accreditation Liaison Group (ALG) in finalising a snapshot of accreditation activities across the National Scheme. The 'snapshot' will cover areas including the accreditation activities for 2017/18, student registration numbers, overseas qualified practitioner assessments and future work in accreditation.

The report will be published on the AHPRA and Forum websites in the coming months.

Standard Definitions for Reporting

The Accreditation Managers Sub-Committee of the Forum are completing a project to standardise the definitions and terminology in reporting guidelines for annual monitoring reports across Accreditation Authorities.

The Forum will finalise this glossary of terms at its next meeting.

Next Meeting

The Forum will progress strategic priorities at its next meeting in May 2019 and looks forward to discussions with Ms Rachel Yates, Policy Director Health and Workforce Universities Australia

Ms Bronwyn Clark

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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