



## HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACCREDITATION COLLABORATIVE FORUM

Australia's accreditation authorities  
for regulated health professionals

### Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – 2 August 2019 Meeting

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the Forum of the 15 accreditation authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

This Communiqué outlines activity from the most recent Forum meeting.

#### **New member - Podiatry Accreditation Committee**

The Forum was pleased to welcome the recently established Podiatry Accreditation Committee to the Forum and to their first meeting. The Committee was appointed as the Accreditation Authority for Podiatry from 1 July 2019.

#### **Progress on current projects within Strategic Plan**

The current work plan of the Forum is articulated in the Forum's current 2017-2019 Strategic Plan, available on the Forum's website here: <http://www.hpacf.org.au/statementsandpositionpapers>.

#### **Project on Interprofessional Education (IPE) and accreditation assessment tools (Growth and Innovation strategic pillar)**

The Forum approved the next stage in the IPE project, which is to gather preliminary baseline data on IPE practice within Australia, beginning with all Accreditation Authorities. A survey will be completed by members during August for consideration by the IPE working group.

#### **Project on Accreditation's Role in Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (Growth and Innovation strategic pillar)**

The Forum received an update from the working group including a draft thematic review of education providers undertaken in 2018, which will be published later this year.

#### **Project on Developing cross-professional policies and guidelines (Efficiency strategic pillar)**

A consensus set of agreed terminology and guidance for accreditation terms was agreed by all members. The Forum thanked the Accreditation Manager's Sub-Committee for their work on preparing this. The list will be available to all members and stakeholders.

#### **Forum Strategic Planning for 2019-2022**

As part of this meeting the Forum held a strategic planning workshop facilitated by Dr Jo Burnand, IECO Consulting. The workshop was in an interactive style which provided an opportunity for members to discuss and contribute to the development of the Forum's Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022. A focus of the workshop included a detailed discussion on the evolution of the future work of the Forum and facilitating its appropriate support and resourcing.

### **Next Meeting**

The Forum will progress strategic priorities from the recent strategic workshop at its next meeting in December 2019. We look forward to discussions at a joint meeting with the National Scheme Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy Group also in December 2019.

**Ms Bronwyn Clark**

**Chair**

**Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum**

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