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FORUM

Australia's accreditation authorities
for regulated health professionals

Communiqué: Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum – February 2020 meeting

The Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (the Forum), is the Forum of the 16 accreditation authorities with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

This Communiqué outlines activity from the most recent Forum meeting on 26 February 2020.

Forum Strategic Plan

The ongoing work plan of the Forum is articulated in its current [Strategic Plan](#) and is available on the Forum's website.

The Strategic Plan for 2020-2025, and the activities related to this, are currently being finalised and will be available on the Forum's website shortly.

The Forum thanks its members and other stakeholders for their role in supporting the work of the Forum and its past and future strategic activities.

NRAS 2020 Combined Meeting, 27 – 28 February 2020

The NRAS 2020 Combined Meeting brings together members of National Boards, State, Territory and Regional Boards/Committees, NSW Councils' representatives, the Agency Management Committee, AHPRA staff, Accreditation authorities, the Jurisdictional Advisory Committee and Jurisdictional Officers Forum, members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group and some of our regulatory colleagues from New Zealand.

The HPAC Forum is an active part of the program, and Forum members will present Session 2A – ***“How can accreditation prepare a culturally safe workforce for the future?”*** This will include an introduction and overview of the Forum work and recent project report – [The role of accreditation in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Outcomes Final Report](#) by Forum member Ms Theanne Walters AM, Australian Medical Council, and case studies from the Pharmacy, Optometry and Physiotherapy Councils. There are approximately 160 registrants for this session.

General Business

- **National Boards and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)**

The Forum met with Mr Paul Shinkfield, National Director, Strategy and Research, who gave a presentation and update on the work currently being undertaken in developing the AHPRA Strategy 2020 -2025.

- **Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care**

Dr Heather Buchan, Senior Medical Advisor, and Director, Implementation Support, ACSQHC attended the meeting to discuss with Forum members ACSQHC's views on how accreditation authorities can align work in health education accreditation with that of the Commission's National Safety and Quality standards.

Next Meeting

The Forum will progress strategic priorities at its next meeting in May 2020 and looks forward to discussions with invited guests.

Ms Bronwyn Clark

Chair

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum

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