



Communiqué

May 2017 meeting of the Dental Board of Australia

The 85th meeting of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) was held on Friday 26 May 2017 at the National Office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

We publish this communiqué on our website and email it to a broad range of stakeholders. We encourage you to distribute it to colleagues and interested parties, including in the organisation you work in.

Regulatory action – tribunal cases

A number of recent regulatory actions have achieved greater protection of the public.

Significant outcomes include:

- [Kirby v Dental Council of New South Wales](#)
- [Health Care Complaints Commission v Chan](#)

You can find out more about the outcomes of court and tribunal action on the Board's website – see the [News section](#). You can also visit AHPRA's website, where there is a page dedicated to court and tribunal outcomes under [Publications and resources](#).

Update on appointments to state and territory committees of the Dental Board of Australia

The Board has established state and territory committees to make decisions about registration and notification matters and has delegated powers to enable the committees to exercise these functions.

The Board has recently called for applications from registered and experienced dental practitioners and community members seeking appointment to the Board's state and territory registration and notification committees. The Board is currently reviewing the applications and expects to announce appointments soon.

The Board thanks those who expressed interest in the advertised vacancies and appreciates the willingness to contribute to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

For information on Board, panel and committee vacancies please check the [Board website](#).

Newsletter

The Board has published the latest edition of its newsletter. Newsletters are sent directly to registered dental practitioners for whom we have a current email address. You can access the newsletter in the [Newsletter section](#) of the Board's website.

Regulatory stakeholders to gather at CLEAR

The Fifth International Congress on Professional and Occupational Regulation will be held this November in Melbourne, Australia. AHPRA will join other regulatory stakeholders from around the world to share global perspectives on licensure and regulation.

Additional information about the conference is on the [AHPRA website](#).

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Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.dentalboard.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

For more information or help with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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