



Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) National Board met on the adjusted date of Thursday 23 February, and we are pleased to advise our HCA Members that the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) has now granted our status as an “Australian Registered Body”. This means that HCA is legally able to carry on business across the country, and gives a firm foundation for us as the Peak Body for the Profession in Australia.

The National Board recently accepted recommendations for Minimum standards of Education and Training, and it is now time to follow due process and present these recommendations to the profession for voting. To do this, a Special General Meeting (SGM) has been called for the Sunday 13th May at 4pm. This meeting will be conducted electronically, saving a great deal of time and expense for delegates. Only the business on the agenda may be conducted at this meeting. All details will be forwarded shortly to all relevant personnel of HCA Members entities, so please watch your inboxes for an email from the HCA secretary in the next few weeks. Note: there will of course also be facility for proxy votes and electronic postal voting.

Plans for our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in August are currently being formulated, and once details are available, all HCA member entities will be advised in plenty of time to make suitable arrangements. Care is being taken with these dates so that as much as possible, there are no clashes with major conferences.

The HCA Finance subcommittee has recommended that the 2012-2013 annual fees remain the same as for the current year, and the National Board has accepted that recommendation. This subcommittee is also considering external income options for HCA so that the organisation does not just rely on income from membership fees. There has already been a donation to HCA funds from a HCA member, and other possible avenues are currently under review. Once the subcommittee has firm proposals, they will of course be presented to the National Board for consideration.

The National Board is still working towards the management of the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR) with the attitude that this transition must be smooth and easy for the sake of the hypnotherapy practitioners that are on the register. To that end, discussions are continuing with the current ANHR Board.

On a sad note, the National Board accepted Antoine Matarasso’s resignation as HCA Vice-President. On behalf of the profession, the National Board would like to thank Antoine for his support, wisdom and patience in helping with the development of HCA, and we wish him well with his endeavours.

Further to this, in accordance with the HCA Constitution, the National Board has filled this vacancy by appointing Ian Lochlin, an existing National Board member, and originally a nominee for this position, to the role of HCA Vice-President. Ian will fill this role for the rest of its natural term. Thank you Ian.

New information is being added to the HCA website each month, presenting the information with public viewing in mind. Thank you to those who have given us feedback so far.

In the spirit of continued transparency and fairness, the National Board will continue to circulate the minutes of each monthly National Board meeting to the relevant personnel of the HCA member entities. If you would like to contact the National Board about these or other matters, please feel free to do so via secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com or Margaret at president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

Regards,
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The HCA Mission:

'The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) is the national peak body for Clinical Hypnotherapy in Australia. The HCA provides a cohesive identity for the diversity of hypnotherapy methodologies and promotes their professional and ethical practice for the benefit of the community.'