



Dear Colleagues,

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met again on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011, a little after its original date due to logistical problems. However, the meeting was a successful one, and it is great to see the HCA taking shape. Building an association is very different to running an established one, and the National Board takes a collaborative approach so that the steps we take will be appropriate for the wide range of our professional members, as well as with respect for the goals for the Peak Body. It is pleasing to see such a level of genuine discussion driven by the greater needs of the profession as a whole.

We are currently awaiting the finalisation of the application to ASIC for status as an Australian Registered Body. Once this is granted, we are legally able to operate in every State of Australia. In line with taking care of legalities, the HCA common seal is being made to affix to legal documents.

#### Annual fees

Earlier this month, the request for payment of the 2011-2012 annual fee was sent to all members entities. This fee was considered affordable for all entities and appropriate for our estimated budget for our first year of operation. Thank you to those of you who have been prompt with the payment. If you have not yet made your entity's payment, the details on how to do this were attached to the "HCA Annual Membership Fee" email of 1 October. We understand that organising payment can be dependent on the necessary meetings being held for such to be approved and paid, but would appreciate this being completed asap.

#### HCA Website

The HCA website is being updated next week, and will continue to evolve each month. Our thanks to Antoine, our webmaster, for his ongoing work on this site. Also, we would like to thank Gary McDonald of McDonald Creative for creating the logo that will now be a part of our future official documentation.

#### National Practitioner Register

The Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR) continues to be managed at the moment by a special ANHR Board while the HCA is becoming established. It is felt that now that the structural foundation of HCA is steadily progressing, that the HCA National Board is in a position to begin the process of discussing the future management of the register with the current ANHR Board. We are very aware that any transition must be seamless for the sake of the practitioners, and anticipate such discussions beginning shortly.

#### Subcommittees

The HCA subcommittees are meeting again in November, and continue to make progress with their respective tasks. When appropriate, they make recommendations for consideration to the Board. The Board would like to thank the members of those subcommittees whose ongoing work provides a much-valued perspective.

#### Membership

It is the intention of the Board to issue membership certificates to HCA member entities. Now that we have a logo, the certificates are being prepared, and we hope to send them out to financial HCA member entities by the end of November. Only financial HCA Member entities will be entitled to use the HCA logo, and of course, these member entities websites would have reciprocal linkages with the HCA website.

With the continued support from the members of the profession, and time and energy given by both the National Board and subcommittee members, the HCA is growing steadily from the ground up. Because of this, HCA has a strong foundation, built on the will of the profession, and continues to grow as the Peak Body to represent the profession.

The National Board will meet again on the third Monday of November, and will continue to send the monthly Update to the Profession to the national mailing list, keeping you up to date with the stages of progress as they happen. To assist us with this task, we would ask that you forward this Update to the Profession onto your own organisation's members. This dissemination of information will help us to better unite the profession and help prevent misunderstandings that may otherwise slow our progress.

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](mailto:secretary@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com) or Margaret at [president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com](mailto:president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com).

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the coming months.

Regards,  
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President  
Hypnotherapy Council of Australia

***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.'*