



Update to the Profession – April 2013

Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia's (HCA) National Board met again on the 15th April 2013. The Board thanks all those who continue to actively support the HCA, its Board Members and the HCA process.

The "Australian Government Review of Rebates for Private Health Insurance for Natural Therapies" is being managed by the Natural Therapies Review Advisory Committee (NTRAC). NTRAC has invited those who made submissions on this issue to present their submissions to the committee in Canberra on 1 May. This gives the committee the opportunity to have their questions answered. Given the importance of this issue, the HCA President will attend the meeting in person.

(Note: Subsequent to the Board meeting, the presentation to NTRAC by our profession (and some other professions) has been postponed until later in the year due to the volume of submissions that are being heard)

On another matter, the National Board anticipates that the HCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in August this year, and in keeping with the pattern of rotations, will be held in Sydney. We do apologise to the non-eastern States for not holding it 'over there', but due to the logistics of travel, at this stage it will just be rotated along the eastern seaboard of the country. Venues and details are currently being worked out, and we will give you more details in coming updates.

At this AGM, half of the Board positions again become vacant. According to the HCA Constitution, this will mean that the President, Treasurer and some of the ordinary Board Members will stand down, and their positions will be open for election again. Standing members may be renominated, or other delegates may also nominate for the positions. The same rules as before apply: a delegate can only represent one entity directly, and an entity can only have one position on the Board. In addition, all delegates must declare all their affiliations and memberships prior to the election or risk being removed from their position later. Nomination forms will be circulated closer to the AGM.

We are aware this is a very busy time of year, with end of the Financial Year (FY) and renewal times for our associations' practitioners approaching too. So in view of this, the National Board has decided that rather than squeeze in a Special General Meeting to present the proposed "Ongoing Professional Development Standards" to the profession, that instead these will be circulated to you in the near future, but the voting by members on this issue will take place on the day of the AGM. Please watch the future updates for details of the AGM and any other matters to be considered for the day.

Now that the profession has been deregulated across Australia, the HCA intends to put a question to the Australian Tax Office for a ruling on the GST status of Hypnotherapy. Although we have been ruled as GST eligible in the past, we are hoping that with the recent changes, this ruling may yet be reconsidered. This process will take some time, so we ask you all to be patient, and we will let you know the outcome as soon as we have one.

We continue to urge our member entities to link their website to the HCA home page ASAP, and then notify us so that we can get our webmaster to link back to you. Given that we going more public later this year, we would recommend you attend to this as soon as you can.

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,

and this newsletter to stakeholders in the profession. If you would like to contact the National Board about any of these 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