



Hypnotherapy Council of AUSTRALIA

Update to the Profession, March 2013

Dear Colleagues,

The Hypnotherapy Council of Australia's (HCA) National Board met again on the 25th March 2013 to continue the building of HCA. As well as the usual matters we deal with, we bring a few other developments to your attention.

You may recall that HCA made a submission on behalf of the profession to the "Australian Government Review of Rebates for Private Health Insurance for Natural Therapies" earlier this year. We have been advised by the Department of Health and Ageing that they expect to have made progress on the review by September this year. We will keep you apprised of any developments, and their ramifications for our profession, as they come to hand.

We also have feedback from the South Australian Government that they have now introduced similar legislation to the NSW Code of Conduct for unregistered practitioners. You can find this information at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/Public+Content/SA+Health+Internet/Clinical+resources/Safety+and+quality/Governance+for+Safety+and+Quality+in+health+service+organisations/Credentialli ng/Unregistered+Health+Practitioners+Code+of+Conduct>

There are various other matters being discussed on the national agenda at the moment, including the steps required to manage the Australian National Hypnotherapy Register (ANHR). Further discussions on this matter are expected to take place shortly, and we will keep you advised of the progress. The Finance subcommittee put forward the proposal to the National Board that the HCA membership fees remain unchanged for the 2013/2014 FY at \$150 per organisation. The National Board has also considered the Ongoing Professional Development (OPD) recommendations submitted by the Educational Advisory Body subcommittee, and voted to accept them. These recommendations will now be put to the profession at a Special General meeting at the next opportunity. As per the Constitution, the policy requires a minimum of 85% agreement according to weighted voting for it to be passed. If passed, it will become another cornerstone of HCA and a standard for the profession. We will be sending you out the information regarding this proposed policy in the coming weeks.

With these cornerstones being laid, the HCA National Board anticipates that 'our ducks will be in row' by the end of this year, enabling us to take our next steps as the Peak Body, and start doing some press releases for the media to educate the public about the HCA, its standards for the profession, and the standards of our practitioners.

The HCA website is receiving enquiries each month regarding qualifications required for practice, relevant legislation regarding training, or finding practitioners. All such enquiries are directed to the HCA Members page.

Therefore, if your organisation has not yet made the link to the HCA home page, then we are not yet linked back to you. Given that we are about to be going more public this year, we would recommend you get those links in place asap, notify us that the linkage has been made, so that we can get our webmaster to complete the circle. Please note: you must link to the HCA site first before requesting the reciprocal link. A copy of the HCA logo can be provided for your HCA member organisation's website if you do not already have a copy.

We also continue to urge all members and their practitioners/students to check their websites regularly to update information to avoid mistakes and misunderstandings in promotion that may be seen as misleading or deceptive according to the ACCC's Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

There are a couple of official name changes amongst HCA Members. Professional Hypnotists of Western Australia Inc. (PHWA) have now been re-registered as Professional Hypnotherapists of Australia Inc. (PHA). Also, Hypnotherapy & Transpersonal Academy (HTA) is now known as Hypnotherapy Training Australia (HTA).

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.'