



Update to the Profession – April 2014

Dear Colleagues

The National Board of the Hypnotherapy Council of Australia (HCA) met again on Weds 16 April 2014. The HCA Board would like to thank those members of our profession who keep in touch with the Board on relevant and important issues.

2014 AGM/SGM

We remind our member entities that the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting on 30 August 2014 at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, 23 Leichhardt St, Brisbane, is fast approaching. Please discuss with your delegates about their attendance so that they can make arrangements for travel and accommodation to Brisbane (where it is warm and sunny ! :) Special accommodation rates are available by phoning the Grand Chancellor (07 3831 4055), but you must mention you are attending the HCA conference. Important topics for discussion on the day are being finalised, and will be released as soon as possible so that there is opportunity for matters to be discussed in house before the meeting day.

The Victorian legislation under which the HCA has been incorporated has been changed. The role of public officer had been previously combined with the role of secretary, but now more recent changes allow that the secretary must be a resident of Australia, but is no longer now restricted to residing in Victoria. This makes it much fairer so that the onus of the secretary's role can be shared.

Government

The Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council (AHMAC) recently called for submissions regarding the draft of a National Code of Conduct for all Health Care Workers. As per the email sent to all our members, HCA (as peak body), has responded with a submission on behalf of the profession to endorse such a policy, with suggested amendments as necessary for clarity and effectiveness. This new policy is the long awaited extension of the NSW Code that has served as basis for some States to begin their own similar one (like also introduced in SA) and also is the key element of the HCA and our associations Codes of Conduct. We will keep you apprised of the outcomes of this :)

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 president@hypnotherapycouncilofaustralia.com.

Regards,

Margaret Kelly

President

Hypnotherapy Council of Australia Inc.

Vic A0056527E ARBN 154841086

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.'